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The Cancer Trends Progress Report, continually updated since its first issue in 2001, summarizes our nation's advances against cancer in relation to [Healthy People](#) targets set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services. The report, intended for policy makers, researchers, and public health professionals, includes key measures of progress along the cancer control continuum and uses national trend data to illustrate where improvements have been made. New measures this year include E-cigarettes on the Youth Tobacco Use page and Colorectal Cancer on the Genetic Testing page.

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About the Report

This section provides an overview of the Cancer Trends Progress Report and includes a message from NCI's Director of the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, the methodology used for characterizing trends, frequently asked questions and answers, acknowledgments, and a downloadable PDF fact sheet.

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Introduction

The nation's investment in cancer research is making a difference. The rate of death from cancer continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for many types of cancer, including the four most common (lung, colorectal, breast, and prostate cancers). The death rate from all cancers combined continues to decline, as it has since the early 1990s. Many people who have had cancer live longer and enjoy a better quality of life than was possible years ago. This steady improvement in mortality from cancer reflects public health prevention and screening initiatives and improvements in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

Still, cancer remains a major public health problem that profoundly affects more than 1.7 million people diagnosed each year, as well as their families and friends.

- Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the United States (exceeded only by heart disease), accounting for nearly one in every four deaths.
- The incidence of some cancers, including leukemia, myeloma (cancer of plasma cells), melanoma of the skin, thyroid, liver, oral cavity and pharynx, pancreas, uterus, kidney, and female breast, is rising.
- The burden of some types of cancer weighs more heavily on some groups than on others. The rates of both new cases and deaths from cancer vary by socioeconomic status, sex, and racial and ethnic group.
- The economic burden of cancer also is taking its toll. As the U.S. population ages and newer technologies and treatments become available, national expenditures for cancer continue to rise and could potentially exceed overall medical care expenditures combined.

Why a Progress Report Is Needed

Since the signing of the National Cancer Act in 1971, our country has vigorously fought the devastating effects of cancer. Now it is time to see how far we have come. The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is a series of reports that describe the nation's progress against cancer through research and related efforts. The report is based on the most recent data at the time of analysis from the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies, professional groups, and cancer researchers.

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is designed to help the nation review past efforts and plan future ones. The report can help the public better understand the nature of cancer, as well as the results of current strategies to fight cancer. Researchers, clinicians, and public health providers can focus on the gaps and opportunities identified in the report, paving the way for future progress against cancer. Policymakers can use the report to evaluate our progress relative to our investment in cancer research discovery, program development, and service delivery.

What's in the Report

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* includes key measures of progress along the [cancer control continuum](#).

- [Prevention](#). The measures in this section cover behaviors that can help people prevent cancer, the most important of which is avoiding tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. This section also addresses physical activity, dietary intakes, alcohol consumption, exposure to the sun and chemicals in the environment, HPV vaccination, tobacco policy and regulatory factors, smoking cessation, and genetic testing.
- [Early Detection](#). Screening tests help find cancers early, which greatly increases the chances of successful treatment. This section describes the extent to which people are following recommended screening guidelines to detect breast, cervical, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancers.
- [Diagnosis](#). We can learn much about our progress against cancer by looking at the rates of new cancer cases (incidence) and cancers diagnosed at late stages. This section reviews both of these areas.
- [Treatment](#). This section describes common treatment options and measures the rates at which people are undergoing treatments for certain cancers. It also describes new treatment options emerging from ongoing research and monitoring activities.
- [Life After Cancer](#). This section addresses trends in the proportion of cancer patients who are alive five years after their diagnosis, costs of cancer care, and health behaviors among survivors.
- [End of Life](#). This section includes the rate of deaths (mortality) due to cancer and the estimated number of years of life lost due to cancer.

Where possible, the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* shows changes in these data over time (trends). The report indicates whether trends are "rising", "falling", or "stable" using standard definitions and tests of statistical significance (see [Methodology for Categorizing Trends](#)). For some measures, differences in the cancer burden among various racial and ethnic groups, income groups, and groups by level of educational attainment, are also presented.

Many of the measures shown in this report are identical to those presented in [Healthy People 2020](#), a comprehensive set of 10-year health objectives for the nation sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Using identical measures enables us to show the nation's progress against cancer in relation to cancer-related Healthy People 2020 targets.

How Data Are Selected

In selecting measures that would be meaningful to readers of this report, we relied largely on long-term national - rather than state or local - data collection efforts. (State and local data are available online at [State Cancer Profiles](#)). The report includes more measures for prevention than for other segments of the continuum, because preventive measures hold so much potential in positively impacting national progress to reduce the burden of cancer. Behavioral choices can greatly reduce the risk of many cancers, making prevention a key focus of the report.

Data in the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* come from a variety of sources with different collection techniques and reporting times, so time periods for the data may vary by section. The starting point or baseline year against which to measure how well the nation is progressing toward the Healthy People 2020 targets depends on the data available. For example, data for most Diagnosis, Life After Cancer, and End of Life measures are available starting in 1975, while data for most Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment measures are available beginning in the late 1980s or early 1990s.

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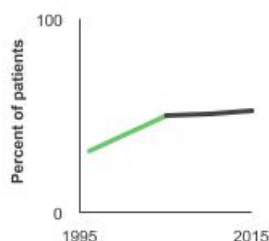
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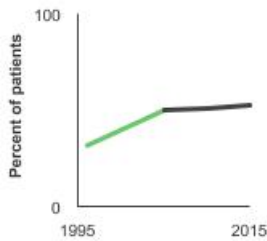
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In 2015, 52.2% of stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer patients aged 20 years and older received chemotherapy.



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Introduction

Lung cancer forms in tissues of the lung, usually in the cells that line air passages. The two main types of lung cancer are small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), which is the most common. About 85 percent of lung cancers are NSCLCs.

Primary treatment options for people with NSCLC include surgery, radiation therapy, other local treatments, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and targeted therapies. In many cases, more than one of these treatments is used.

Surgery to remove the tumor presents the greatest chance of curing NSCLC, and is commonly used to treat stages I and II and some stage III cancers but is rarely used to treat stage IV cancers. Postoperative chemotherapy may provide an additional benefit to patients who have undergone surgical removal of NSCLC. Radiation therapy combined with chemotherapy can effectively treat a small number of patients and can provide palliation in most patients.

Measure

Chemotherapy following the diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer stages IIIB or IV.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including lung cancer treatment.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1996-2015.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates ?

Chemotherapy

Distribution of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer receiving any chemotherapy by age at diagnosis, 1996-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 20 and older	52.2	45.1 - 59.2
	Ages 20-49	78.0	57.1 - 90.4
	Ages 50-59	69.3	57.1 - 79.3
	Ages 60-69	68.7	54.9 - 79.8
	Ages 70-79	41.4	30.3 - 53.4
	Ages 80 and older	30.7	14.3 - 54.1

Additional Information on Lung Cancer Treatment

For the public

- [Lung Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)-Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Small Cell Lung Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)-Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Treating Non-small Cell Lung Cancer](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Treating Small Cell Lung Cancer](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer \(NCCN Guidelines for Patients®\)](#). National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

For smokers

- [Smokefree.gov](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Tobacco](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Stay Away from Tobacco](#). American Cancer Society.

For health professionals

- [Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)-Health Professional Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Small Cell Lung Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)-Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.

Statistics

- [SEER Cancer Stat Facts: Lung and Bronchus Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [SEER-Medicare Linked Database](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies](#). National Cancer Institute.

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Methodology for Characterizing Trends

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* features [joinpoint statistical methodology](#) to present a consistent characterization of population trends for factors related to the prevention, early detection, or treatment of cancer. Joinpoint methodology characterizes a trend using joined linear segments on a logarithmic scale; the point where two segments meet is called a "joinpoint." The methodology is useful for identifying trends in cancer incidence and mortality rates (e.g., in the [SEER Cancer Statistics Review](#)).

The Joinpoint software uses statistical criteria to determine:

- the fewest number of segments necessary to characterize a trend
- where the segments begin and end; and
- the annual percent change (APC) for each segment (a linear trend on a log scale implies a constant APC).

In addition, we the report authors used a 95-percent confidence interval around the APC to determine if the APC for each segment differed significantly from zero. Whenever possible, we calculated weighted regression lines (utilizing standard errors) using the Joinpoint software. Using a log response variable, the weight (motivated by the delta method) equals the square of the response variable divided by the square of the standard error. If the standard errors were unavailable, we used an unweighted regression.

With the results of these analyses, we characterized trends in this report with respect to both their public health importance and statistical significance. If a trend was:

- Changing less than or equal to 0.5% per year ($-0.5 \leq \text{APC} \leq 0.5$), and the APC was not statistically significant, we characterized it as **STABLE**
- Changing more than 0.5% per year ($\text{APC} < -0.5$ or $\text{APC} > 0.5$), and the APC was not statistically significant, we characterized it as **NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGE**
- Changing with a statistically significant $\text{APC} > 0$, we characterized it as **RISING**
- Changing with a statistically significant $\text{APC} < 0$, we characterized it as **FALLING**

While these categorizations are somewhat arbitrary, they do provide a consistent method to characterize trends across disparate measures. Additionally, the statistical significance and absolute value of change for incidence and mortality trends were used to ensure consistency with all major publications on national cancer trends.

To avoid statistical anomalies, a joinpoint segment must contain at least 3 observed data points, and no joinpoint segment can begin or end closer than 3 data points from the beginning or end of the data series. Due to these constraints on the joinpoint models, data series with a smaller set of data points are limited as to where a joinpoint can occur and how many

joinpoints can be fit into the series. For example, if there are 4 data points or fewer, only 1 segment and no joinpoints can be fit to the series; for 5 to 7 data points, up to 2 segments and 1 joinpoint can be fit to the series; for 8 to 10 data points, up to 3 segments and 2 joinpoints can be fit. To avoid some of these limitations and allow a degree of flexibility as to where a joinpoint can be placed in a series, we established a set of guidelines on what method to use for calculating the APC of a data series based on the number of estimates that make up the data series:

- 2-6 data points: because of the limited number of data points, we did not use Joinpoint. Instead, we calculated an APC between each consecutive data point, and we calculated the statistical significance of the APC using a two-sample test based on the standard errors derived from the survey/data source.
- 7-11 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 1 joinpoint.
- 12-16 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 2 joinpoints.
- 17-21 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 3 joinpoints.
- 22-26 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 4 joinpoints.
- 27 or more data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 5 joinpoints.

In addition to the annual percent change (APC) estimates, this report also presents the [average annual percent change](#) (AAPC), which is characterized in the same way as the APC. The AAPC is a measure which uses the underlying joinpoint model to compute a summary measure of the trend over a fixed pre-specified interval. The AAPC is useful for comparing the most recent trend across different groups (e.g., racial/ethnic groups or sex) when the final joinpoint segments are not directly comparable because they are of different lengths. Regardless of where the joinpoints occur for the different series, the AAPC can be computed over the same fixed interval for all the series (e.g., 2007–2011 to characterize the most recent trend). The AAPC is computed as a weighted average of the APC's from the joinpoint model, with the weights equal to the length of the APC intervals included. When there were seven or fewer data points, the AAPC was computed based on the connected data points, rather than an underlying joinpoint model. The derivation of the AAPC and its standard error based on a series of connected points is presented in a [technical report](#) from the [Surveillance Research Program](#).

Measures were age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population using the direct method of standardization (see the tutorial on [Calculating Age-adjusted Rates](#)). Whenever possible, age-adjustment for measures was done using the age-adjustment groups specified for the [Healthy People 2020 objective](#) that corresponds to the data series.

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>>What is the *Cancer Trends Progress Report*?

The National Cancer Institute's *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is an online report that tracks the nation's progress against cancer across the cancer continuum - from prevention through end of life - and compares that progress to [Healthy People 2020](#) goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

>>Why is the report important?

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is currently the only report of its kind to present the most up-to-date information on trends in the nation's progress against cancer all in one place. Key cancer agencies and groups, including the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies, professional groups, and cancer researchers gather the information in this report through a collaborative effort.

>>What is the main message of the report?

The nation has met or is making progress toward many major cancer-related Healthy People 2020 targets. However, we are losing ground in other important areas that demand attention. For more information, visit the [Highlights](#) section of the report.

>>What is in the report?

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* includes key measures in the areas of prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, life after cancer, and end of life. Progress against cancer is tracked over time and determined by the availability of data. This progress is measured in relation to certain cancer-related Healthy People 2020 targets.

The body of the report includes standardized information for each measure, including background, definition of measure, Healthy People targets, data source, trends and most recent estimates, related cancers, and additional references for each topic area. This information is also summarized in chart form in the [Summary Tables](#) section of the report, where special color-coded graphics show whether the trend is going in the desired direction and how the nation's progress compares to the Healthy People targets.

>>How is the information displayed and explained?

Most of the trend graphs were made using [Joinpoint regression analysis](#). This statistical method illustrates real changes in direction instead of merely connecting one dot to another. The report shows whether trends are rising or falling and explains why changes might have occurred. Where data are available, differences in the cancer burden are also illustrated by race and ethnicity, educational attainment, and socioeconomic status. A bulleted summary of recent trends is presented in the [Highlights](#) section of the report. Data are downloadable as Excel spreadsheets, and graphs within the report are downloadable as JPEG files, which can be used in PowerPoint slides. The report is also available in PDF format and may be downloaded and printed using the ['Custom Report \(PDF\)'](#) tool.

>>Where does the data come from?

The data in the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* come from a variety of sources with different collection techniques and reporting times, so time periods for the data may vary by section. Data is gathered through a collaborative effort by the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies, professional groups, and cancer researchers.

>>How are the data selected?

Measures are selected based on scientific evidence and the availability of periodic or longitudinal national - rather than state or local - data collection and analysis efforts. Criteria for selecting measures include the relevance of what is being measured (e.g., impact on cancer, national policy implications); the scientific rigor underlying the measure (e.g., validity, reliability, and explicitness of evidence base); the feasibility of using the measure (e.g., availability of long-term data); and the usability by target audiences (e.g., ease of understanding and applicability). The report includes more measures for prevention than other sections because there are more trends data available in that area. Where possible, 1990 was used as the starting point or baseline against which to measure how well the nation is progressing toward the Healthy People 2020 targets.

>>What data are not in the report?

Not all measures for all relevant areas of cancer progress could be included in this report. In some cases, trend information on a national level is not available. In other cases, there is no reliable information at the time of report publication. Although dramatic advances have been made in the treatment of many cancers (breast and colorectal cancers are two of the featured sites in the report), a national data system for tracking and assessing progress over time is not yet in place. Some measures such as quality of life, while important in assessing the cancer burden, are not included because there simply is no consensus on how best to track those measures in a population at this time. As data and information become available, future editions of the report will include new measures (e.g., population-level measures like the one in this edition describing state smoke-free air laws).

>>Where can I find state- and county-level cancer data?

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* only presents data at the national level. For cancer data at the state and county level or behavioral risk factor data at the state level, go to NCI's [State Cancer Profiles](#) website.

>>Who can use the report?

The report can help the public better understand the nature of cancer, as well as the results of current strategies to fight cancer. Researchers, clinicians, and public health providers can focus on the gaps and opportunities identified, and work to make future progress against cancer. Policymakers can use the report to evaluate our progress relative to our investment in cancer research discovery, program development, and service delivery.

>>How often will the report be updated?

The report is updated annually, where data are available. Page notes display the date of the most recent update.

>>What is the rationale for the report?

In 1996, the NCI Director and the NCI Board of Scientific Advisors assembled the Cancer Control Program Review Group (CCPRG) to evaluate the full scope of the institute's cancer control research program. The NCI Director also established the Surveillance Implementation Group (SIG) to provide advice and recommendations for expanding and enhancing NCI's cancer surveillance research program. Thus, in the late 1990s the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* was created based on recommendations from CCPRG and SIG to develop a national progress report on the burden of cancer.

>>How can I get a copy of the report?

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is available online only, however portions of the report or the entire report may be downloaded and printed using the '[Custom Report \(PDF\)](#)' tool. Archived reports from previous releases since 2001 are available on the [Recent Updates and Archive](#) page.

>>Where can more information on cancer be found?

- <https://www.cancer.gov>
- 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

>>Where should I direct my questions or comments about the *Cancer Trends Progress Report*?

Send questions or comments about the report to [Progress Report Help](#).

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Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is the leading national lobbying organization (501 (c) 4), dedicated to nonsmokers' rights, taking on the tobacco industry at all levels of government, protecting nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke, and preventing tobacco addiction among youth. ANR pursues an action-oriented program of policy and legislation.

Measures: Smokefree workplace rules and laws.

Berkeley Mortality Database

This database contains life tables for national populations and, whenever available, the raw data used in constructing these tables. The raw data generally consist of birth and death counts from vital statistics, plus population counts from periodic censuses.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals

A part of the National Nutrition Monitoring System, which was the first nationwide dietary intake survey designed to be conducted annually.

Measures: Fruit and vegetable consumption, Red meat consumption, Fat consumption.

Federal Trade Commission and Staff Reports

The Federal Trade Commission provides annual reports on sales, advertising, and promotion for both cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

Measures: Tobacco company marketing expenditures.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

Often called "the voice of CDC," the MMWR series is the agency's primary vehicle for scientific publication of timely, reliable, authoritative, accurate, objective, and useful public health information and recommendations.

Measures: Medicaid coverage of tobacco dependence.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Life-Tables

The life tables in this report are current life tables for the U.S. based on age-specific death rates.

Measures: Years of life lost.

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) is a program of studies designed to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. The survey is unique in that it combines interviews and physical examinations.

Measures: Fruit and vegetable consumption, Red meat consumption, Fat consumption, Weight, Secondhand smoke exposure, Arsenic, Benzene, Cadmium, Nitrate.

National Health Interview Survey Cancer Control Topical Module

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is an annual nationwide survey of 36,000 households conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics and administered by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Measures: Adult smoking, Quitting smoking, Physical activity, Sun protection, Indoor tanning, Sunburn, Genetic testing, Breast cancer screening, Cervical cancer screening, Colorectal cancer screening, Lung cancer screening, Prostate cancer screening, Cancer survivors and smoking, Cancer survivors and physical activity, Cancer survivors and obesity.

National Immunization Surveys

The National Immunization Surveys (NIS) are a group of phone surveys used to monitor vaccination coverage among children 19–35 months and teens 13–17 years, and flu vaccinations for children 6 months–17 years. The surveys are sponsored and conducted by the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and authorized by the Public Health Service Act [Sections 306].

Measures: HPV Immunization.

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Surveillance Reports

The Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research within the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism prepares annual reports highlighting per capita alcohol consumption in the U.S.

Measures: Alcohol consumption.

National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals

The National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals (National Exposure Report) is a series of ongoing assessments of the U.S. population's exposure to environmental chemicals.

Measures: Arsenic, Benzene, Cadmium, Nitrate.

National Survey on Drug Use and Health

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), formerly called the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA), is an annual survey sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The survey is the primary source of information on the use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco in the civilian, non-institutionalized population of the United States aged 12 years old or older.

Measures: Age at smoking initiation.

National Youth Tobacco Survey

The National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) was designed to provide national data on long-term, intermediate, and short-term indicators key to the design, implementation, and evaluation of comprehensive tobacco prevention and control programs. The NYTS also serves as a baseline for comparing progress toward meeting selected Healthy People 2020 goals for reducing tobacco use among youth.

Measures: Youth tobacco use.

National Vital Statistics System

These data are provided through contracts between NCHS and vital registration systems operated in the various jurisdictions legally responsible for the registration of vital events – births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and fetal deaths.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care, Mortality.

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER)

The Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program collects information on incidence, prevalence and survival from specific geographic areas representing 34.6 percent of the US population and compiles reports on all of these plus cancer mortality for the entire country.

Measures: Incidence, Stage at diagnosis, Breast cancer treatment, Kidney cancer treatment, Survival.

SEER-Medicare Linked Database

The SEER-Medicare data reflect the linkage of two large population-based sources of data that provide detailed information about Medicare beneficiaries with cancer. The data come from the SEER Program of cancer registries that collect clinical, demographic, and cause of death information for persons with cancer and the Medicare claims for covered health care services from the time of a person's Medicare eligibility until death.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

SEER Patterns of Care

The SEER Patterns of Care (POC) studies provide important information on cancer treatments as documented in hospital records.

Measures: Bladder cancer treatment, Breast cancer treatment, Colorectal cancer treatment, Lung cancer treatment, Ovarian cancer treatment, Prostate cancer treatment.

State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System

The State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System is an electronic data warehouse containing up-to-date and historical state-level data on tobacco use prevention and control. The STATE System is designed to integrate many data sources to provide comprehensive summary data and facilitate research and consistent interpretation of the data. The STATE System was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Office on Smoking and Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

Measures: Medicaid coverage of tobacco dependence.

Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey

The Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS) is an NCI-sponsored survey of tobacco use that has been administered as part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The TUS-CPS is a key source of national- and state- level data on smoking and other tobacco use in the U.S. household population. These data can be used by researchers to monitor progress in the control of tobacco use, conduct tobacco-related research, and evaluate tobacco control programs.

Measures: Clinician's advice to quit smoking, Smokefree home rules, Smokefree workplace rules and laws.

U.S. Census Bureau Population Projections

The population projections associated with this release were produced by the Population Division as an interim product to meet the immediate needs of our user community for national projections that incorporate the results of Census 2000.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

Radon Vent Fan Manufacturers' Sales Data

Measures: Radon.

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors and the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults.

Measures: Youth tobacco use, Indoor Tanning, Sunburn.

Highlights

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Report highlights are categorized into one of the three following groups: Making Progress, Areas of Concern, and Other Trends to Consider.

Making Progress

The nation is making progress toward major cancer-related targets for Healthy People 2020, a comprehensive set of 10-year health objectives sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Prevention

- Cigarette smoking prevalence among adults has declined steadily since 1992. In 2018, 13.9% of adults aged 18 and over were current cigarette smokers.
- Cigarette smoking prevalence among adolescents has declined since the late 1990s, with 8.8% of high school students in 2017 having smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days.
- Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12-17 started falling more rapidly in 2010, reaching the Healthy People 2020 target of 4.3% in 2013. As of 2018, it is 2.3%.
- Cigarette smoking cessation among adult smokers has risen since 2003. In 2018, 8.3% became former cigarette smokers who had quit 6-12 months previously, exceeding the Healthy People 2020 target of 8%. However, some subgroups have not achieved this reduction, such as non-Hispanic blacks and people with less than a high school education.
- Female teen indoor tanning has decreased significantly among high school students since 2013. Many states have enacted policies to control the indoor tanning industry, and some are restricting minors' access to indoor tanning facilities. The most recent estimate (2017) of the percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year is 7.5% (5.6% for both sexes), further dropping below the overall Healthy People 2020 target of 14% for both sexes for adolescents.
- Recent trends for inorganic arsenic exposure have been decreasing. Inorganic arsenic compounds are more toxic than organic arsenic compounds, and inorganic arsenic has been linked to bladder, lung, skin, prostate, liver and intrahepatic bile duct, and some kidney cancers. Inorganic arsenic compounds are found in industry, in building products (in some "pressure-treated" woods), and in arsenic-contaminated water and soil. We typically take in small amounts of inorganic arsenic in the food we eat (in particular, rice and fish), the water we drink, and the air we breathe.
- The percentage of adolescents aged 13-17 who are up to date on recommended HPV vaccinations (based on the guidelines set for by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [CDC] Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [ACIP]) has been increasing, and in 2018 was 53.7% for females and 48.7% for males.

Diagnosis

- Lung cancer incidence rates (new cases) in men have continued to fall since 1982 and, for women, since 2006.
- Recent trends show a decline in the incidence of esophageal squamous cell, ovarian, and larynx cancers at 2% or more a year, with smaller but still statistically significant decreases in urinary bladder, stomach, and brain cancers, and Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
- Trends for distant-stage colon cancer have been decreasing since the late 1980s.
- Colorectal cancer incidence rates have mostly been decreasing through 2011 and reached the Healthy People 2020 target in 2011. Since then the trend has flattened somewhat. The declines in colorectal cancer incidence can be attributed to increased screening, which not only contributes to reduced incidence through the identification and removal of precancerous lesions but also improves the detection of cancer at an earlier stage.

Treatment

- Since 2002, more females with early-stage breast cancer have been treated with breast-conserving surgery (BCS) with radiation than with mastectomy.
- Between 1990 and 2015, there was a significant increase in receipt of guideline chemotherapy treatment among patients aged 65+ with stage III colon cancer and stages II and III rectal cancer, with 57% receiving guideline therapy in 2015.

Life After Cancer

- The length of cancer survival has increased slowly for all cancers combined. Five-year relative survival for all cancer sites is 69.3% and is approaching the Healthy People 2020 target of 71.7%. Improving survival reflects real changes due to improved early detection and treatment, which can extend life. However, sometimes early detection does not extend the date that someone would die of cancer, but it produces a perceived improvement in survival by increasing the length of time since diagnosis.
- The proportion of adult cancer survivors who are current smokers continues to decline, with the greatest improvement seen among survivors aged 18-44.
- The percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time has been declining steadily over the past 20 years. Likewise, the percentage of survivors who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity continues to rise.

End of Life

- The rate of death from cancer continues to decline among both men and women in all major racial and ethnic groups.
- Mortality for three of the most common types of cancer (colorectal, female breast, and lung) continues to fall.
- Recent trends show a decline in the mortality of ovarian and larynx cancers, non-Hodgkin and Hodgkin lymphoma, and leukemia of 2% or more a year, with smaller but still statistically significant decreases in myeloma and esophagus, kidney and renal pelvis, and stomach cancers.

Areas of Concern

The nation is losing ground in other important areas that demand attention.

Prevention

- Although the percentage of smokers making a quit attempt in the past year has been rising since 2005 and was 54.1% in 2018, it is still far below the Healthy People 2020 target of 80%.
- Although progress has been made in reducing exposure to secondhand smoke among all populations, non-Hispanic blacks still have higher rates of exposure than other racial/ethnic groups; those living at less than 200% of the federal poverty level still have higher rates of exposure than those living at 200% or greater than the federal poverty level; and those aged 25 years and older with a high school education or less still have higher rates than those with more education.
- E-cigarette use among high school students rose sharply between 2017 and 2018. In 2018, 20.8% of high school students reported current use of e-cigarettes.
- In 2019, the U.S. experienced an outbreak of e-cigarette and vaping associated lung injury (EVALI). As of January 21, 2020, a total of 2,711 EVALI cases or deaths were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), CDC, and state health authorities have determined that tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)-containing e-cigarettes are linked to most EVALI cases; however, the involvement of other toxicants in EVALI cannot yet be ruled out.
- Tobacco advertising and promotion are causally related to increased tobacco initiation and use. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission reports cigarette and smokeless tobacco advertising and promotion expenditures for the largest cigarette companies and major smokeless tobacco product manufacturers. In 2017, the combined annual expenditure for advertising and promotion (adjusted to 2017 dollars) was \$8.6 billion for cigarettes (which has stabilized since 2009) and \$718.3 million for smokeless tobacco products (which has been rising rapidly) — amounting to about \$26 million every day.
- Although more than 70% of adults reported practicing sun-protective behaviors in 2015, more than 35% reported having had one or more sunburns in the past 12 months, which is just above the Healthy People Goal of 33.8%. An even higher rate of sunburn (57.2% in 2017) was reported among teens. Sunburn is a primary modifiable risk factor for melanoma skin cancer, and the rate has changed very little from 2000-2015 for adults and between 2015-2017 among teens. While non-Hispanic Whites were more likely to experience sunburn than other racial/ethnic groups, sunburn occurs across all groups, and the rate has remained relatively steady.
- Sun sensitivity occurs in all racial/ethnic groups. Sun-sensitive individuals, who are at greatest risk for melanoma, continue to report slightly higher tanning bed use and higher sunburn incidence than those without sun sensitivity.
- Per capita alcohol consumption, which can increase the risk of some cancers, has risen slightly since the mid-1990s.
- Excess weight or obesity, physical inactivity, and poor nutrition are preventable conditions that are associated with elevated cancer risk. Obesity prevalence continues to increase, with 39.5% of adults estimated to be obese and an additional 31.8% overweight. Despite modest increases over time, only 23.8% of adults report meeting federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity. Rates among low-income and low-education groups of any race were well below the Healthy People 2020 target. Overall diet quality has not improved for years; Americans are not meeting recommendations for intake of fruits and vegetables, which have been linked to prevention of several cancer types.

Early Detection

- The Cancer Trends Progress Report has tracked triennial Pap testing since 1987. To accommodate the addition of HPV testing as a recommended approach to cervical cancer screening, the current report tracks the percentage of women who were up to date with cervical cancer screening recommendations. In 2018, 81% of women aged 21-65 were up to date with respect to their cervical screening recommendations, which is below the Healthy People 2020 target of 93%.
- Uptake of lung cancer screening with CT since 2010 has been fairly stable – but limited. In 2015, 5.9% of adults aged 55-80 years who met the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force criteria for lung cancer screening had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year. The US Preventive Services Task first recommended CT screening for lung cancer in 2013.

Diagnosis

- The incidence of several cancers, including leukemia, myeloma, melanoma of the skin, and oral cavity and pharynx, testis, and esophageal adenocarcinoma cancers, has been increasing annually.
- Although age-specific trends in incidence and mortality are not generally covered in this report, it should be noted that incidence trends of colorectal cancer for those under 50 have been rising and are of enough concern that some guideline setting organizations either have, or are considering, lowering the age to initiate screening.

Life After Cancer

- Even for patients with health insurance, out-of-pocket costs for cancer care often pose a significant financial burden. Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care in 2018 for the top five cancer sites were \$19.7, \$16.6, \$15.3, \$14.6, and \$14.2 billion for female breast, colorectal, prostate, lymphoma, and lung, respectively. As the U.S. population ages and newer technologies and treatments become available, national expenditures for cancer will continue to rise, and cancer costs may increase at a faster rate than overall medical expenditures.
- The proportion of adult cancer survivors who are obese has been rising and is now 32.5%, exceeding the Healthy People 2020 target of 30.5% for all adults. Efforts are needed to help cancer survivors adopt or maintain a healthy lifestyle after cancer, which has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity.

End of Life

- Recent trends in the death rates for several cancers, including thyroid, liver and intrahepatic bile duct, brain and other nervous system, and corpus and uterine cancers, have been increasing.

Other Trends to Consider

While this report provides trends in cancer rates, and factors that influence cancer rates, for some trends it is not possible to characterize the direction of the trend as either progress or an area of concern.

Early Detection

- Prostate cancer: After a long decline, the incidence rates and death rates for prostate cancer are no longer declining. Prostate cancer incidence rates are very sensitive to changes in PSA screening rates and subsequent referral for biopsy. Screening rates declined recently, probably partly in reaction to a 2012 U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendation against PSA screening (this recommendation was partially reversed in 2018). Mortality rates are a function of many factors including changes in screening rates and advances in treatment. While PSA screening may reduce mortality for some patients, it must be balanced against a significant number of patients who are diagnosed with disease that is relatively indolent and may not have progressed prior to the person eventually dying of other unrelated causes.

Trends at a Glance

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The Trends-at-a-Glance offers an overview of trend direction measure by measure. Trends noted as stable or non-significant change (NSC) are not changing significantly. The difference between "stable" and "non-significant change" is based on statistical computations described in the [Methodology for Characterizing Trends](#) appendix.

The table below provides a snapshot of recent national trends (as characterized by the Average Annual Percent Change (AAPC)) for measures included in this report. Green indicates that the recent trend is moving in the desired direction. Red indicates that the recent trend is not moving in the desired direction. Purple indicates that the recent trend is moving but it is indeterminate whether the direction is desired or not. There is no background color for trends that are stable or show a non-significant change in direction. The column labeled "Recent trend time period" shows the dates associated with each trend. These dates depend upon the recency of available data.

Click on any measure title in the "Measure" column to read more about the measure. For a more complete summary of the measures, including their progress compared with the Healthy People 2020 target (where one exists), see the [Summary Tables](#) by topic.

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Measure	Desired Direction	Recent Trend	Recent Trend Time Period
<u>Prevention</u>			
<u>Tobacco Use Initiation (Ages 12-17)</u>			
Cigarettes, Cigars and Smokeless Tobacco	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Smokeless Tobacco	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Cigars	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
<u>Youth Tobacco Use</u>			
Cigarettes, Cigars and Smokeless Tobacco	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2013-2017
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Smokeless tobacco	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2013-2017
Cigars	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2013-2017
E-cigarettes	Falling	Rising	2014-2018
<u>Adult Tobacco Use</u>			
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Smokeless Tobacco	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2015-2018
Cigars	Falling	Stable	2015-2018
E-Cigarettes	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2014-2018
<u>Quitting Smoking</u>			
Attempted to quit smoking	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
Successfully quit smoking	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
<u>Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking</u>			
Physicians' advice to quit smoking	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2010-2015
Dentists' advice to quit smoking	Rising	Falling	2006-2011
<u>Fruit and Vegetable Consumption</u>			
Fruit and Vegetables Combined	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2011-2016
Fruit	Rising	Stable	2011-2016
Vegetables	Rising	Stable	2011-2016
<u>Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption</u>			
Fat Consumption (Saturated fat)	Falling	Stable	2011-2016
<u>Alcohol Consumption</u>			
Alcohol Consumption	Falling	Rising	2013-2017
<u>Physical Activity</u>			
No physical activity in leisure time	Falling	Falling	2014-2018

¹ The desired direction of the recent trend is difficult to interpret due to outside factors which may be driving its direction (e.g., early detection driving breast cancer incidence rates upward temporarily, screening rates for older tests such as home FOBT going down as they are replaced by newer technologies such as colonoscopy).

Measure	Desired Direction	Recent Trend	Recent Trend Time Period
Meet physical activity guidelines	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
<u>Weight</u>			
Healthy Weight	Rising	Falling	2011-2016
Overweight	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2011-2016
Obese	Falling	Rising	2011-2016
<u>Sun-Protective Behavior</u>			
Use sun protective measures	Rising	Stable	2010-2015
Use sunscreen (SPF 15+)	Rising	Rising	2010-2015
Wear protective clothing	Rising	Falling	2010-2015
Seek shade	Rising	Rising	2010-2015
<u>Indoor Tanning</u>			
Adolescents	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Adults	Falling	Falling	2010-2015
<u>Sunburn</u>			
Adolescents	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2015-2017
Adults	Falling	Falling	2010-2015
<u>HPV Vaccination</u>			
(Up-to-date on HPV vaccination)			
Females, Ages 13-15	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
Males, Ages 13-15	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
<u>Genetic Testing</u>			
(Received Genetic Counseling)			
	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2010-2015
<u>Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures</u>			
Cigarettes	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2013-2017
Smokeless tobacco	Falling	Rising	2013-2017
<u>Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments</u>	Rising	Rising	2006-2010
<u>Secondhand Smoke Exposure</u>	Falling	Falling	2011-2016
<u>Smoke-free Home Rules</u>	Rising	Rising	2010-2015
<u>Smokefree Workplace Rules and Laws</u>			
Smokefree workplace	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2010-2015
Indoor air laws for workplaces	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
Indoor air laws for restaurants	Rising	Rising	2014-2018
Indoor air laws for bars	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2014-2018
Arsenic Exposure	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2011-2016
Benzene Exposure	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2011-2016
Nitrate Exposure	Falling	Falling	2011-2016
Nitrate Exposure	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2009-2014
Radon	Rising	Rising	2009-2013
<u>Early Detection</u>			
<u>Breast Cancer Screening</u>	Rising	Stable	2013-2018
<u>Cervical Cancer Screening</u>	Rising	Falling	2013-2018
<u>Colorectal Cancer Screening</u>			
Guideline screening	Rising	Rising	2013-2018
Home FOBT	Indeterminate ¹	Non-Significant Change	2013-2018

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Measure	Desired Direction	Recent Trend	Recent Trend Time Period
Sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2013-2018
Lung Cancer Screening	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2010-2015
Prostate Cancer Screening	Indeterminate ¹	Stable	2013-2018
Diagnosis			
Incidence			
All cancer sites combined	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Colon and rectum	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Lung and bronchus	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Female breast	Indeterminate ¹	Rising	2013-2017
Prostate	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2013-2017
Cervix uteri	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Stage at Diagnosis			
Late stage breast cancer	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2013-2017
Distant stage colon cancer	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Distant stage rectum cancer	Falling	Rising	2013-2017
Distant stage cervix cancer	Falling	Rising	2013-2017
Distant stage lung cancer	Falling	Falling	2013-2017
Distant stage prostate cancer	Falling	Rising	2013-2017
Treatment			
Bladder Cancer Treatment (Intravesical therapy for disease Ta G1-2)	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2003-2009
Breast Cancer Treatment (Breast conserving surgery with radiation)	Indeterminate ¹	Stable	2012-2016
Colorectal Cancer Treatment (Guideline therapy)	Rising	Rising	2010-2015
Kidney Cancer Treatment (Partial nephrectomy)	Rising	Stable	2012-2016
Lung Cancer Treatment (Chemotherapy)	Rising	Stable	2010-2015
Ovarian Cancer Treatment (Chemotherapy)			
Stage I/II Diagnoses	Rising	Rising	2002-2011
Stage III/IV Diagnoses	Rising	Rising	2002-2011
Prostate Cancer Treatment (Hormonal therapy)	Indeterminate ¹	Falling	2002-2008
Life After Cancer			
Survival			
All cancer sites combined	Rising	Rising	2008-2012
Colon and rectum	Rising	Stable	2008-2012
Lung and bronchus	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2008-2012
Female breast	Rising	Rising	2008-2012
Prostate	Rising	Falling	2008-2012
Cancer Survivors and Smoking	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Cancer Survivors and Weight	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
End of Life			

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Measure	Desired Direction	Recent Trend	Recent Trend Time Period
<i>Mortality</i>			
All cancer sites combined	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Colon and rectum	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Lung and bronchus	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Female breast	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Prostate	Falling	Stable	2014-2018
Cervix uteri	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Melanoma of the skin	Falling	Falling	2014-2018
Oral cavity and pharynx	Falling	Rising	2014-2018

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Adult Tobacco Use	2018	March 2020
Quitting Smoking	2018	March 2020
Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking	2015	March 2020
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	2016	March 2020
Red Meat Consumption	2016	March 2020
Fat Consumption	2016	March 2020
Alcohol Consumption	2017	March 2020
Physical Activity	2018	March 2020
Weight	2016	March 2020
Sun Protective Behavior	2015	March 2020
Indoor tanning	2017	March 2020
Sunburn	2017	March 2020
HPV Vaccination	2018	March 2020
Genetic Testing	2015	March 2020
Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures	2017	March 2020
Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments	2018	March 2020
Secondhand Smoke Exposure	2016	March 2020
Smoke-free Home Rules	2015	March 2020
Smoke-free Workplace Rules and Laws		

Measure	Year of Most Recent Estimate	Data Up To Date As Of
Smoke-free Workplace Rules	2015	March 2020
Indoor Air Laws	2018	March 2020
Arsenic Exposure	2016	March 2020
Benzene Exposure	2016	March 2020
Cadmium Exposure	2016	March 2020
Nitrate Exposure	2014	March 2020
Radon Exposure	2013	March 2020
Early Detection		
Breast Cancer Screening	2018	March 2020
Cervical Cancer Screening	2018	March 2020
Colorectal Cancer Screening	2018	March 2020
Lung Cancer Screening	2015	March 2020
Prostate Cancer Screening	2018	March 2020
Diagnosis		
Incidence	2016	November 2020
Stage at Diagnosis	2016	November 2020
Treatment		
Bladder Cancer Treatment	2009	March 2020
Breast Cancer Treatment	2016	March 2020
Colorectal Cancer Treatment	2015	March 2020
Kidney Cancer Treatment	2016	March 2020
Lung Cancer Treatment	2015	March 2020
Ovarian Cancer Treatment	2011	March 2020
Prostate Cancer Treatment	2008	March 2020
Life After Cancer		
Financial Burden of Cancer Care	2018	March 2020
Survival	2011	November 2020
Cancer Survivors and Smoking	2018	March 2020
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Cancer Survivors and Weight	2018	March 2020
End of Life		
Mortality	2016	November 2020
Person-Years of Life Lost	2016	November 2020

Revision History

The revision history provides a timeline of when measure pages were updated as well as any corrections that were made to the content of the measure pages.

Date	Revision
11/09/2020	The November 2020 Update to the Cancer Trends Progress Report was released. The Incidence , Stage at Diagnosis and Survival measure pages were updated to reflect SEER Incidence data through 2017. The Mortality and Years of Life Lost measure pages were updated to reflect NCHS mortality estimates through 2018.
3/31/2020	The March 2020 Update to the Cancer Trends Progress Report was released. All measure pages with new available data have been updated. Please consult the table above for a full list. New measures this year include E-cigarettes on the Youth Tobacco Use page and Colorectal Cancer on the Genetic Testing page.
9/5/2019	Graphs for e-cigarette usage among high school students were added to the Youth Tobacco Use measure page. The new graphs are based on data through 2018 from the National Youth Tobacco Survey.

Date	Revision
4/24/2019	The graphs for Cost of Cancer Care by Cancer Site and Cost of Cancer Care by Cancer Site and Phase of Care on the Financial Burden of Cancer Care measure page were incorrectly labelled as 'in billions of dollars'. These graphs and associated tables have been updated to have the correct label of 'in millions of dollars'.
2/28/2019	The February 2019 Update to the Cancer Trends Progress Report was released. All measure pages with new available data have been updated. Please consult the table above for a full list. New measures this year include Processed Meat Consumption, Genetic Testing, Long Term Trends in Adult Cigarette Use, Inorganic Arsenic Exposure, UV Exposure and Sun-Protective Behaviors By Sun Sensitivity, and Healthy Weight/Overweight estimates for Cancer Survivors
2/12/2018	The February 2018 Update to the Cancer Trends Progress Report was released. All measure pages with new available data have been updated. Please consult the table above for a full list. Measures for Lung Cancer Screening and Prostate Cancer Screening are new to this release.
8/23/2017	The Healthy People 2020 targets cited on the Fat Consumption measure page were updated to reflect the latest revision of the applicable Healthy People targets.
1/18/2017	The January 2017 Update to the Cancer Trends Progress Report was released. All measure pages with new available data have been updated. Please consult the table above for a full list.
11/4/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Incidence, Stage at Diagnosis, and Survival measures were updated to include the SEER November 2014 release. • The Mortality and Person-Years of Life Lost measures were updated to include U.S. mortality estimates through 2012. • Graphs highlighting additional by-groups were added for the Arsenic, Benzene, Cadmium and Nitrate measures. • The cost of cancer care graphs in the Financial Burden of Cancer Care measure were updated to 2015. • The Alcohol Consumption measure was updated to include estimates through 2013.
11/4/2015	The desired direction for complete nephrectomy was switched from rising to falling in all Kidney Cancer Treatment graphs.
3/18/2015	The Cancer Trends Progress Report was updated with a new website design and updated estimates for all measures.

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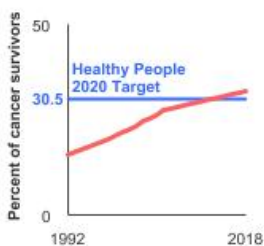
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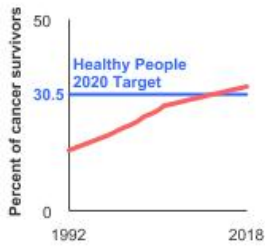
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In 2018, 31.5% of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older were obese.



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Introduction

Adopting or maintaining a healthy lifestyle after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. Preventing excess body weight and obesity can enhance the length and health-related quality of life of cancer survivors, and it can reduce the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight, including colorectal, breast (among women who have gone through menopause), uterine, esophageal, renal cell (kidney), and pancreatic cancer.

As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals are becoming an important focus of attention.

Measure

Rates of obesity among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history, who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.

Healthy People 2020 Target

Although Healthy People 2020 has no target for obesity among cancer survivors, it does have nutrition and health status targets regarding obesity in the general population, including:

- Increase to 33.9 percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight.
- Reduce to 30.5 percent the proportion of adults who are obese.

There is also a Healthy People 2020 objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey, 1992–2018.

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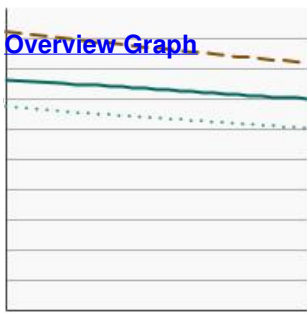
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By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were overweight by sex, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	35.6	33.2 - 38.0
	Male	40.8	36.6 - 45.1



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
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Female

31.3

28.5 - 34.3

By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

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By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were obese by sex, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	31.5	29.3 - 33.9
	Male	32.0	28.0 - 36.2
	Female	31.2	28.4 - 34.1

By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available to assist cancer control planners, program staff, and researchers to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based survivorship programs. Visit [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.- survivorship](#) for data on cancer incidence, research syntheses, cancer control plans, research-tested interventions, interactive communities of practice, and other resources.

Additional Information on Cancer Survivors and Weight

For the public

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Statistics

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Tobacco Use

Smoking causes at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States. Avoiding tobacco use is the single most important step Americans can take to reduce the cancer burden in this country.

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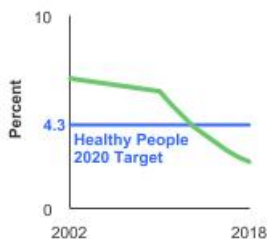
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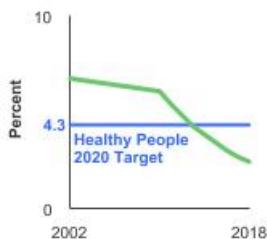
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In 2018, 2.3% of children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 began smoking cigarettes in the past year.



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Introduction

Because cigarette smoking typically begins during adolescence, tobacco use is often described as a “pediatric disease.” Nearly 90 percent of adult daily smokers in the United States began smoking by age 18, and 98 percent first smoked by age 26. Initiation of smoking during adolescence is linked to persistent smoking in adulthood and the many adverse health effects caused by smoking.

Understanding trends in youth initiation of tobacco products – including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco – enables policy makers to target prevention resources more effectively. [Effective strategies to reduce youth initiation](#) of tobacco use include federal regulation of tobacco products; significant increases in tobacco prices, including excise taxes; smokefree air laws; restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotion; restricting the availability of tobacco products to youth; mass-media public education campaigns; and full implementation of comprehensive state and community tobacco control programs. On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation to amend the [Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act](#), and raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years.

Measure

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigarette smoking during the past 12 months.

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigar smoking during the past 12 months.

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated smokeless tobacco use during the past 12 months.

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated use of any of these tobacco products during the past 12 months.

Note: Cigars include premium cigars, little filtered cigars, and cigarillos.

Note: E-cigarettes are not included in the tobacco-related questions of the National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health that is used for the data source of these measures.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the initiation of the use of tobacco products by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 5.8 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigarettes by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 4.3 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco products by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 0.6 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigars by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 2.9 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of tobacco products by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 8.9 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigarettes by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 6.4 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco products by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 0.2 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigars by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 4.3 percent.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2018.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Type of Tobacco Product, Excluding E-cigarettes

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Ages 12-17

Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by type of tobacco product, 2002-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	Cigarettes, Cigars and Smokeless Tobacco	4.6	4.2 - 5.0
	Cigarettes	2.3	2.0 - 2.6
	Smokeless Tobacco	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Cigars	2.0	1.7 - 2.2

Ages 18-25

Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by type of tobacco product, 2002-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	Cigarettes, Cigars and Smokeless Tobacco	7.1	7.1 - 6.6
	Cigarettes	3.4	3.0 - 3.7
	Smokeless Tobacco	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Cigars	3.7	3.3 - 4.0

Cigarettes, Cigars and Smokeless Tobacco

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Ages 12-17 by Sex

Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	4.6	4.2 - 5.0
	Male	5.0	4.4 - 5.5
	Female	4.2	3.7 - 4.8

Ages 18-25 by Sex

Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	7.1	7.1 - 6.6
Male	8.1	7.3 - 8.9
Female	6.2	5.5 - 6.8

Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	4.6	4.2 - 5.0
Non-Hispanic White	5.9	5.3 - 6.5
Non-Hispanic Black	3.2	2.3 - 4.1
Hispanic	3.5	2.7 - 4.2

Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	7.1	7.1 - 6.6
Non-Hispanic White	8.4	7.6 - 9.2
Non-Hispanic Black	4.4	3.3 - 5.5
Hispanic	5.8	4.8 - 6.8

By Age

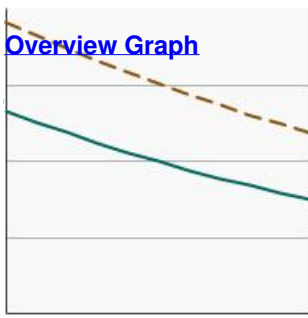
Initiation of the use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2018

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	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 12-17	4.6	4.2 - 5.0



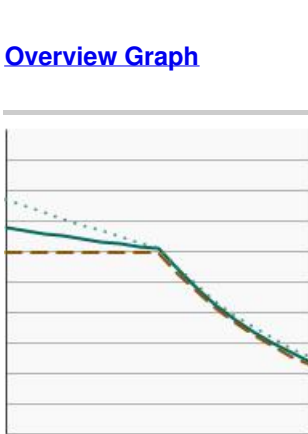
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Cigarettes

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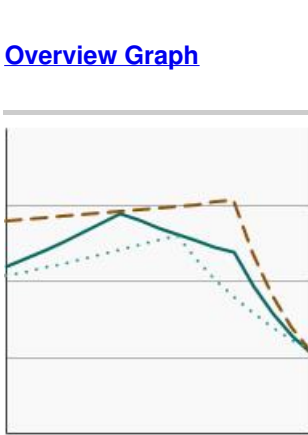
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Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes ✓	2.3	2.0 - 2.6
Male ✓	2.1	1.7 - 2.5
Female ✓	2.5	2.1 - 2.9

Ages 18-25 by Sex

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2002-2018



Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes ✓	3.4	3.0 - 3.7
Male ✓	3.4	3.4 - 2.9
Female ✓	3.3	3.3 - 2.8

Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Percent 95% Confidence Interval

	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	2.3	2.0 - 2.6
Non-Hispanic White	2.9	2.4 - 3.3
Non-Hispanic Black	1.4	0.8 - 2.0
Hispanic	1.9	1.3 - 2.6

Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

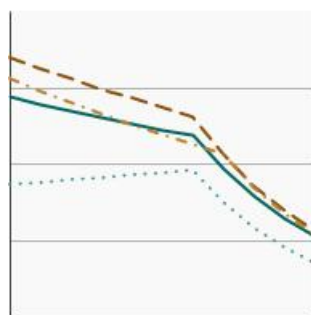
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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Percent 95% Confidence Interval



	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	3.4	3.0 - 3.7
Non-Hispanic White	3.6	3.6 - 3.1
Non-Hispanic Black	2.3	2.3 - 1.5
Hispanic	3.5	3.5 - 2.7

By Age

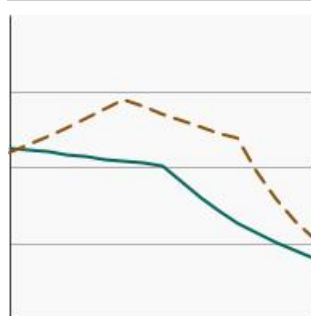
Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2002-2018

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	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 12-17	2.3	2.0 - 2.6
Ages 18-25	3.4	3.0 - 3.7

Smokeless Tobacco

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Ages 12-17 by Sex

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2018

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Most Recent Estimates
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		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Male	1.7	1.3 - 2.0
	Female	0.8	0.6 - 1.0


Ages 18-25 by Sex

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2018

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		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Male	1.7	1.4 - 2.1
	Female	0.7	0.5 - 1.0


Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

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(2018)

		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Non-Hispanic White	1.7	1.4 - 2.0
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.4	0.1 - 0.7
	Hispanic	1.0	0.5 - 1.4

Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

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Graphs

Most Recent Estimates
(2018)

		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Non-Hispanic White	1.7	1.3 - 2.0
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.8	0.3 - 1.2
	Hispanic	0.4	0.2 - 0.6

By Age

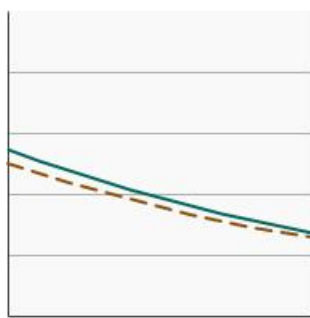
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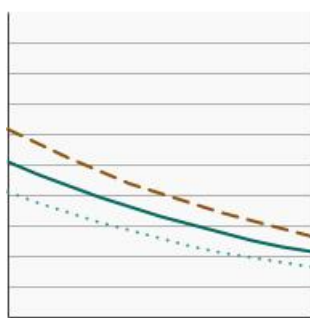
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Ages 18-25 by Sex

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[Both Sexes](#)

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[Male](#)

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[Female](#)

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Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigars among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	2.0	1.7 - 2.2
	Non-Hispanic White	2.5	2.1 - 2.9
	Non-Hispanic Black	1.7	1.1 - 2.4
	Hispanic	1.3	0.9 - 1.8

Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigars among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2018

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		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	3.7	3.3 - 4.0
	Non-Hispanic White	4.5	3.9 - 5.0
	Non-Hispanic Black	2.1	1.3 - 2.8
	Hispanic	2.6	1.9 - 3.3

By Age

Initiation of the use of cigars among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2018

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		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 12-17	2.0	1.7 - 2.2
	Ages 18-25	3.7	3.3 - 4.0

Cancers Related to Tobacco Use

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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Evidence-based Resources

The [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal contains tobacco control resources that support collaboration, identify evidence-based resources, and track progress. National Cancer Institute | Cancer Trends Progress Report | <http://progressreport.cancer.gov> | 30 June 2021

based approaches, and list [research-tested interventions](#). To identify high-risk populations and prioritize cancer control efforts, state and county-level tobacco data can be found on [State Cancer Profiles](#).

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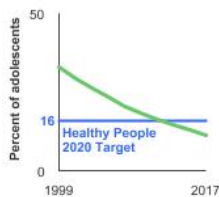
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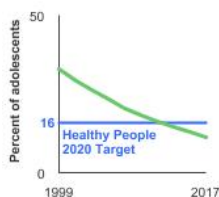
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In 2017, 8.8% of high school students were cigarette users.



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Introduction

Cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States. Smoking causes cancers of the lung, esophagus, larynx, mouth, throat, kidney, bladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, cervix, colon and rectum, anus, as well as acute myeloid leukemia. Tobacco use is initiated and established primarily during adolescence (defined as ages 10-19): nearly 90 percent of adult cigarette smokers in the U.S. first tried cigarettes by age 18, and 98 percent first tried cigarettes by age 26. Each day in the U.S., around 1,600 youth aged 18 or younger smoke their first cigarette and another 200 become daily cigarette smokers.

E-cigarettes (also known as vapes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) are battery-powered devices that convert a liquid (“e-liquid”) into an aerosol. E-liquids typically contain nicotine, flavorings, vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol, and other chemicals. Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol may contain heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and fine and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deeply into the lungs by both users and bystanders. Nicotine use among youth increases the risk of lifelong tobacco addiction and can also increase the risk for future addiction to other drugs.

Teen cigarette smoking prevalence peaked around 1996/1997 but has been declining since. However, a substantial portion of youth use other tobacco products, including cigars, smokeless tobacco, and hookah. Youth use of more than one tobacco product (dual use) is also common. Since 2014, e-cigarettes have been the most commonly used tobacco product among youth. In 2019, more than 3.6 million U.S. youth, including 1 in 5 high school students and 1 in 20 middle school students, were current users of e-cigarettes.

There are many factors associated with youth tobacco use, including social, environmental, cognitive, and genetic influences. In addition, the [Surgeon General’s 2012 report](#) concluded that tobacco advertising, promotion, and depictions of smoking in movies are causally related to youth tobacco use. Initiation of smoking during adolescence is linked to persistent smoking during adult life and the many adverse health effects caused by smoking.

Understanding trends in youth initiation of tobacco products – including cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, and smokeless tobacco – enables policy makers to target prevention resources more effectively. [Effective strategies to reduce youth initiation](#) of tobacco use include effective federal regulation of tobacco products; significant increases in tobacco prices, including excise taxes; smokefree air laws; restrictions on tobacco advertising and promotion;

restricting the availability of tobacco products to youth; mass-media public education campaigns; and full implementation of comprehensive state and community tobacco control programs. On December 20, 2019, the President signed legislation to amend the [Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act](#), and raise the federal minimum age of sale of tobacco products from 18 to 21 years.

Measure

The percentage of high school students (grades 9–12) who reported use of cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, or e-cigarettes on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.

Note: To be consistent with the Healthy People 2020 Targets, measures for all products except e-cigarettes are based on data from YRBSS.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 21 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who used tobacco products in the past 30 days.
- Reduce to 16 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days.
- Reduce to 6.9 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who used smokeless (chewing tobacco or snuff) tobacco in the past 30 days.
- Reduce to 8 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who smoked cigars in the past 30 days.

There is no Healthy People 2020 target for use of e-cigarettes.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), 1999–2017.

E-Cigarettes Data: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS), 2011–2019.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Type of Tobacco Product, Excluding E-cigarettes

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days by type of tobacco product, 1999-2017



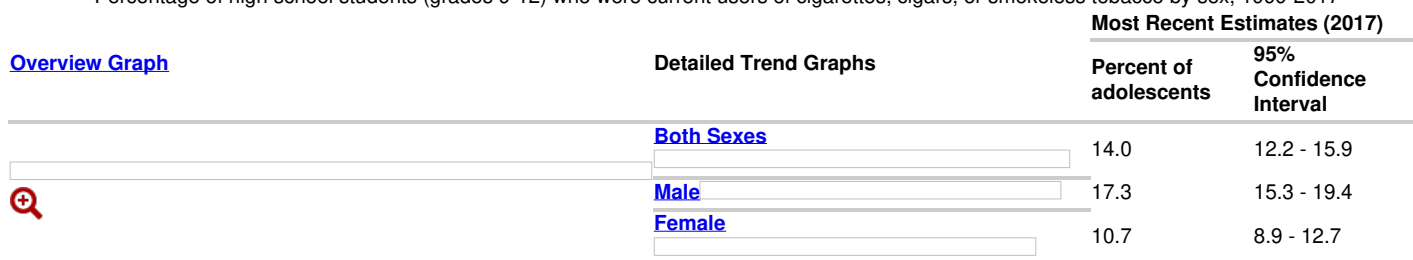
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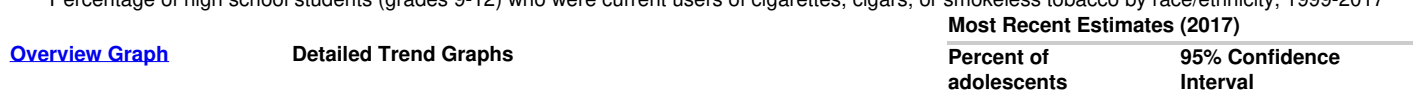
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Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who were current users of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco by sex, 1999-2017

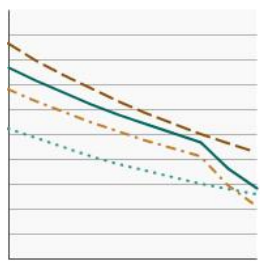


By Race/Ethnicity

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
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16.8	14.3 - 19.7
10.2	8.5 - 12.3
10.5	9.1 - 12.2



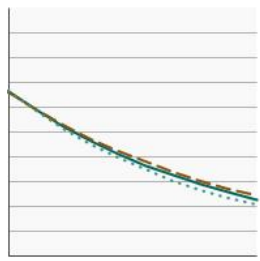
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By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days by sex, 1999-2017

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
8.8	7.2 - 10.7
9.8	8.3 - 11.6
7.8	6.0 - 9.9



By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days by race/ethnicity, 1999-2017

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
8.8	7.2 - 10.7
11.1	9.0 - 13.6
4.4	3.2 - 5.9
7.1	5.8 - 8.6

Smokeless Tobacco

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By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days by sex, 1999-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
5.5	4.4 - 6.7
9.0	7.3 - 11.0
1.9	1.4 - 2.6

►
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days by race/ethnicity, 1999-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	5.5	4.4 - 6.7
	Non-Hispanic White	6.8	5.3 - 8.7
	Non-Hispanic Black	3.6	2.5 - 5.1
	Hispanic	3.7	2.8 - 5.0

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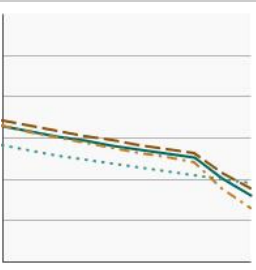
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Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigars in the past 30 days by sex, 1999-2017

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		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	8.0	7.2 - 8.9
	Male	10.5	9.4 - 11.7
	Female	5.4	4.6 - 6.4

►
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigars in the past 30 days by race/ethnicity, 1999-2017

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		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	8.0	7.2 - 8.9
	Non-Hispanic White	9.0	7.8 - 10.3
	Non-Hispanic Black	7.4	6.0 - 9.1
	Hispanic	6.4	5.3 - 7.5

E-cigarettes

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By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days by sex, 2011-2019

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2019)	
		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	27.5	25.3 - 29.7
	Male	27.6	25.1 - 30.3
	Female	27.4	25.0 - 29.9

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days by race/ethnicity, 2011-2019

Overview Graph



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[All Races](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2019)

Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
27.5	25.3 - 29.7
32.4/td>	29.8 - 35.2
17.7	14.5 - 21.4
23.2	20.6 - 26.0

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Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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Evidence-based Resources

The [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal contains tobacco control resources that support collaboration, identify evidence-based approaches, and list [research-tested interventions](#). To identify high-risk populations and prioritize cancer control efforts, state and county-level tobacco data can be found on [State Cancer Profiles](#).

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Introduction

The prevalence of adult cigarette smoking in the U.S. has steadily declined since the first Surgeon General's Report on the harms of smoking was published in 1964, when smoking prevalence was 42 percent. Currently, according to the [2018 National Health Interview Survey \(NHIS\)](#), 13.9 percent of adults (an estimated 34.2 million people) smoke cigarettes. While the prevalence of daily smoking has dropped over time, nondaily smoking has remained relatively stable. Many studies show that there is no safe level of smoking. For example, individuals who smoke as few as one cigarette per day over their lifetime are at a higher risk of smoking-related death than never smokers, according to the [Association of Long-term, Low-Intensity Smoking with All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality in the National Institutes of Health-AARP Diet and Health Study](#) article, published in the journal *JAMA Internal Medicine*.

Besides cigarettes, other tobacco products are also used by U.S. adults. In 2018, the NHIS reported that 9.6 million adults (4.0%) smoked cigars, 5.9 million adults (2.4%) used smokeless tobacco and 8.1 million (3.4%) used e-cigarettes.

A cigar is defined as a roll of tobacco wrapped in leaf tobacco or in a substance that contains tobacco (whereas a cigarette is defined as a roll of tobacco wrapped most often in paper or some other non-tobacco substance). There are three major types of cigars currently sold in the U.S. – large cigars, cigarillos, and little cigars. Little cigars are about the same size as a cigarette and often include a filter. Cigar smoking in the U.S. has recently been characterized by increasing product diversity, and marketing of these products has been targeted to specific population groups, including urban African Americans, which has contributed to an increase in prevalence of their use among adolescents and young adults. Like cigarette smoke, cigar smoke contains toxic and carcinogenic compounds that are harmful to both smokers and nonsmokers. Cigar smoking causes oral cavity cancers (cancers of the lip, tongue, mouth, and throat) and cancers of the larynx (voice box), esophagus, and lung. Gum disease and tooth loss are also linked to cigar smoking, and heavy cigar smokers and those who inhale deeply may further be at increased risk of developing coronary heart disease. Heavy cigar smoking also increases the risk for lung diseases, such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis, which can be risk factors for lung cancer.

Smokeless tobacco is also known as chewing tobacco, spit tobacco, snuff, dip, or snus. Snuff is a finely cut or powdered tobacco that is either placed between the cheek and gum, or sniffed through the nose, respectively. Some moist snuff and all snus come in tea bag-like pouches. Chewing tobacco is used by putting a wad (loose leaves, plug, or twist) of tobacco inside the cheek.

Chewing tobacco and snuff contain at least 28 cancer-causing agents. Use of smokeless tobacco causes oral, esophageal, and pancreatic cancer. Smokeless tobacco also causes serious oral health problems, including gum disease, other non-cancerous oral lesions, and tooth loss, and increases the risk of heart disease.

E-cigarettes (also known as vapes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) are battery-powered devices that convert a liquid ("e-liquid") into an aerosol. E-liquids typically contains nicotine, flavorings, vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol and other chemicals. Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol may contain heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and fine and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deeply into the lungs by both users and by-standers.

E-cigarette use among adults may potentially reduce the health risks associated with conventional cigarette smoking if users switch completely to e-cigarettes. However, the majority of U.S. adults who use e-cigarettes also smoke conventional cigarettes and are at continued risk for exposure to their toxic and carcinogenic compounds, and subsequent smoking-related morbidity and mortality. As noted above, overall, 3.4% of U.S. adults (8.1 million people) were current e-cigarette users in 2018. E-cigarette use was higher among men than women (4.4% vs. 2.4%), among young adults (aged 18-24) than adults overall (7.6% vs. 3.4%), and among those with vs. without serious psychological distress (6.2% vs. 3.1%).

In 2019, the U.S. experienced an outbreak of e-cigarette and vaping associated lung injury (EVALI). As of February 18, 2020, a total of 2,807 EVALI cases or deaths were reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), CDC, and state health authorities have determined that tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)-containing e-cigarette, or vaping, products are linked to most EVALI cases. Vitamin E acetate is strongly linked to the EVALI outbreak; however, evidence is not sufficient to rule out the contribution on other chemicals of concern.

Cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States. Smoking causes cancers of the lung, esophagus, larynx, mouth, throat, kidney, bladder, liver, pancreas, stomach, cervix, colon and rectum, anus, as well as acute myeloid leukemia. Altogether it causes approximately 30 percent of all U.S. cancer deaths each year. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2019, almost 182,100 of the estimated 606,880 cancer-related deaths will be caused by cigarette smoking.

Measure

Cigarettes: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current cigarette smokers.

Smokeless tobacco: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were smokeless tobacco users.

Cigars: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current cigar smokers.

E-Cigarettes: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current e-cigarette smokers.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 12 percent the proportion of adults who are current cigarette smokers.
- Reduce to 0.2 percent the proportion of adults who are current smokeless tobacco users.
- Reduce to 0.3 percent the proportion of adults who are current cigar smokers.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

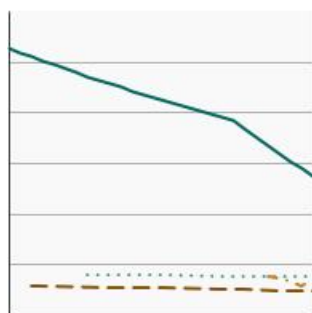
Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 1965–2018.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates By Type of Tobacco Product

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current tobacco product users by type of tobacco product used, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Cigarettes	13.9	13.3 - 14.6
Smokeless Tobacco	2.4	2.2 - 2.7
Cigars	4.0	3.7 - 4.4
E-Cigarettes	3.4	3.1 - 3.7

Cigarettes, Long Term Trends (1965+)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by sex, 1965-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	13.9	13.3 - 14.6
Male	15.8	14.9 - 16.7
Female	12.2	11.4 - 13.0

Cigarettes By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	13.9	13.3 - 14.6
Non-Hispanic White	15.7	14.9 - 16.4
Non-Hispanic Black	14.7	13.1 - 16.5
Hispanic	9.9	8.6 - 11.3

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 18-24	7.6	6.2 - 9.3
Ages 25+	14.8	14.2 - 15.5

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

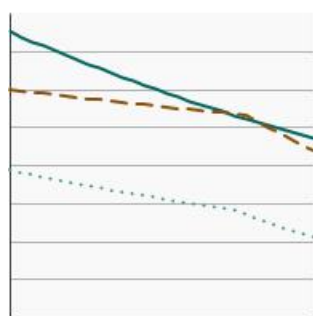
Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of federal poverty level	21.4	20.1 - 22.8
>=200% of federal poverty level	11.2	10.5 - 11.8

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

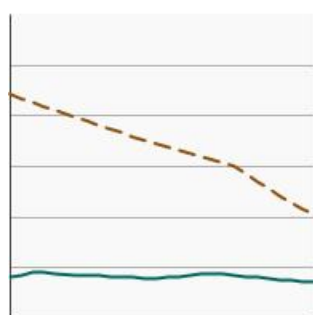
Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	23.5	21.3 - 25.9
High School	22.9	21.3 - 24.5
Greater than High School	10.7	10.1 - 11.4

By Smoking Frequency

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by smoking frequency, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Nondaily Smoker	3.6	3.3 - 3.9
Daily Smoker	10.3	9.8 - 10.8

Males Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	8.1	6.3 - 10.3
Non-Hispanic White	10.8	8.1 - 14.4
Non-Hispanic Black	6.1	3.0 - 11.9
Hispanic	3.2	1.6 - 6.4

Males Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of federal poverty level	9.9	7.0 - 13.8
≥200% of federal poverty level	7.1	5.0 - 9.9

Females Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races		7.1	5.2 - 9.6
Non-Hispanic White		9.4	6.6 - 13.2
Non-Hispanic Black		3.6	1.2 - 10.4
Hispanic		2.7	1.3 - 5.7

Females Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of federal poverty level		9.3	6.1 - 13.9
>=200% of federal poverty level		5.5	3.1 - 9.5

Males Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races		16.9	16.0 - 17.9
Non-Hispanic White		17.8	16.7 - 18.9
Non-Hispanic Black		20.5	17.6 - 23.6
Hispanic		14.1	11.7 - 16.9

Males Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of federal poverty level		26.7	24.5 - 29.0
>=200% of federal poverty level		13.7	12.7 - 14.8

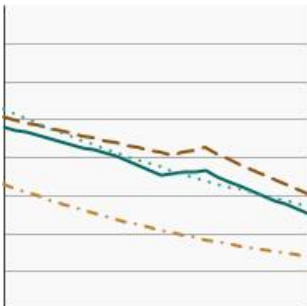
Males Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	26.8	23.6 - 30.4
	High School	25.6	23.4 - 27.9
	Greater than High School	11.8	10.8 - 12.8

Females Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	12.9	12.1 - 13.7
	Non-Hispanic White	15.1	14.1 - 16.3
	Non-Hispanic Black	12.7	10.9 - 14.9
	Hispanic	7.7	6.3 - 9.3

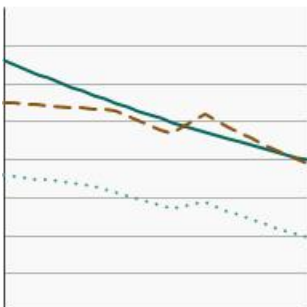
Females Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	20.4	18.7 - 22.1
	≥200% of federal poverty level	10.0	9.1 - 10.9

Females Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	19.9	17.0 - 23.1
	High School	19.9	17.9 - 22.1
	Greater than High School	9.8	8.9 - 10.7

Smokeless Tobacco By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by sex, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	2.4	2.2 - 2.7
	Male	4.8	4.3 - 5.3
	Female	0.2	0.1 - 0.3

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	2.4	2.2 - 2.7
	Non-Hispanic White	3.5	3.2 - 3.9
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.8	0.4 - 1.5
	Hispanic	0.4	0.2 - 0.9

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by age, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	1.6	1.1 - 2.2
	Ages 25+	2.6	2.3 - 2.9

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	2.3	1.9 - 2.9
	≥200% of federal poverty level	2.5	2.2 - 2.8

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	3.0	2.2 - 4.3
	High School	3.9	3.2 - 4.7
	Greater than High School	2.1	1.8 - 2.4

Males Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	3.0	2.1 - 4.2
	Non-Hispanic White	5.2	3.7 - 7.4
	Hispanic	0.3	0.0 - 2.5

Males Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	2.1	1.1 - 4.2
	≥200% of federal poverty level	3.5	2.3 - 5.3

Males Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	5.1	4.5 - 5.6
	Non-Hispanic White	7.2	6.4 - 8.0
	Non-Hispanic Black	1.5	0.7 - 3.3
	Hispanic	0.9	0.4 - 2.0

Males Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	5.3	4.2 - 6.6
	>=200% of federal poverty level	5.0	4.4 - 5.7

Males Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	5.7	4.0 - 8.0
	High School	7.1	5.9 - 8.5
	Greater than High School	4.2	3.6 - 4.8

Females Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	0.3	0.2 - 0.6
	>=200% of federal poverty level	0.2	0.1 - 0.3

Females Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	0.4	0.2 - 0.8
	High School	0.2	0.1 - 0.5
	Greater than High School	0.2	0.1 - 0.3


Cigars By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by sex, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	4.0	3.7 - 4.4
	Male	7.0	6.4 - 7.7
	Female	1.1	0.9 - 1.4

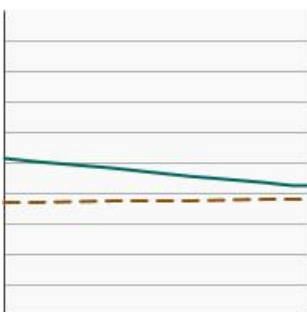
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	4.0	3.7 - 4.4
	Non-Hispanic White	4.5	4.0 - 4.9
	Non-Hispanic Black	4.8	3.9 - 6.0
	Hispanic	2.7	2.0 - 3.5

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by age, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	4.1	3.0 - 5.4
	Ages 25+	4.0	3.6 - 4.3

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	3.6	3.1 - 4.2
	≥200% of federal poverty level	4.2	3.7 - 4.6

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	3.2	2.5 - 4.3
	High School	4.8	3.9 - 5.8
	Greater than High School	3.9	3.5 - 4.3

Males Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	6.0	4.3 - 8.4
	Non-Hispanic White	8.4	5.6 - 12.3
	Non-Hispanic Black	2.6	0.9 - 7.5
	Hispanic	3.0	1.2 - 7.4

Males Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	7.4	4.9 - 11.2
	≥200% of federal poverty level	5.2	3.2 - 8.5

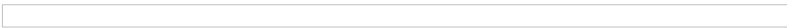
Females Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	2.1	1.1 - 4.0
	Non-Hispanic White	1.0	0.4 - 2.6
	Non-Hispanic Black	4.2	1.7 - 10.1
	Hispanic	1.8	0.6 - 5.8


Females Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	1.2	0.3 - 5.2
	>=200% of federal poverty level	2.7	1.2 - 5.8

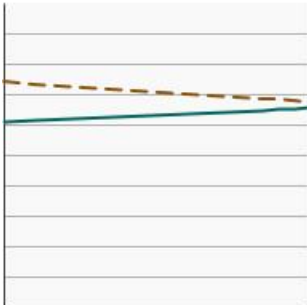
Males Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	7.1	6.5 - 7.8
	Non-Hispanic White	7.9	7.1 - 8.8
	Non-Hispanic Black	9.3	7.3 - 11.8
	Hispanic	4.5	3.3 - 6.2

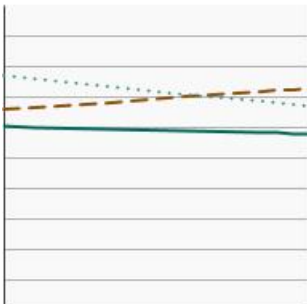
Males Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	6.0	5.0 - 7.2
	>=200% of federal poverty level	7.5	6.8 - 8.4

Males Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	4.9	3.6 - 6.6
	High School	7.8	6.4 - 9.5
	Greater than High School	7.3	6.6 - 8.1

Females Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	1.0	0.8 - 1.3
	Non-Hispanic White	1.0	0.7 - 1.4
	Non-Hispanic Black	1.6	1.0 - 2.5
	Hispanic	0.9	0.5 - 1.6

Females Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	1.5	1.1 - 2.1
	>=200% of federal poverty level	0.8	0.6 - 1.1

Females Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	1.6	0.8 - 3.1
	High School	1.2	0.8 - 2.0
	Greater than High School	0.9	0.7 - 1.2

E-Cigarettes By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current e-cigarette users by sex, 2014-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	3.4	3.1 - 3.7
	Male	4.4	4.0 - 5.0
	Female	2.4	2.1 - 2.8

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current e-cigarette users by race/ethnicity, 2014-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	3.4	3.1 - 3.7
	Non-Hispanic White	4.2	3.8 - 4.7
	Non-Hispanic Black	1.9	1.4 - 2.5
	Hispanic	2.2	1.7 - 3.0

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current e-cigarette users by age, 2014-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	7.6	6.2 - 9.3
	Ages 25+	2.8	2.5 - 3.1

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current e-cigarette users by sex and age, 2014-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	10.2	8.0 - 12.9
	Males, Ages 25+	3.6	3.2 - 4.0
	Females, Ages 18-24	4.9	3.5 - 6.8
	Females, Ages 25+	2.0	1.8 - 2.3

Cancers Related to Tobacco Use

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Acute Myeloid Leukemia \(AML\)](#)
- [Anus](#)
- [Bladder](#)
- [Cervix Uteri](#)
- [Colon and Rectum](#)
- [Esophagus](#)
- [Kidney and Renal Pelvis](#)

- [Larynx](#)
- [Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct](#)
- [Lung and Bronchus](#)
- [Oral Cavity and Pharynx](#)
- [Pancreas](#)
- [Stomach](#)

Evidence-based Resources

The [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal contains tobacco control resources that support collaboration, identify evidence-based approaches, and list [research-tested interventions](#). To identify high-risk populations and prioritize cancer control efforts, state and county-level tobacco data can be found on [State Cancer Profiles](#).

Additional Information on Adult Tobacco Use For the public

- [Tobacco](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Tobacco and Cancer](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Smoking and Tobacco Use](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Surgeon General's Reports on Smoking and Tobacco Use](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2014](#). U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
- [Smoking Cessation: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2020](#). U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.
- [Tobacco Products](#). U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

For tobacco users

- [Cigarette Smoking: Health Risks and How to Quit \(PDQ®\)—Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Smokefree.gov](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Where To Get Help When You Decide To Quit Smoking](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [How to Quit Smoking or Smokeless Tobacco](#). American Cancer Society.
- [How to Quit Smoking](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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Smoking Cessation

Tobacco use can lead to nicotine dependence and serious health problems. Quitting smoking greatly reduces the risk of developing smoking-related diseases, including cancer.

- [Quitting Smoking](#)
- [Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking](#)

Quitting Smoking

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Introduction

Quitting smoking has major and immediate health benefits for men and women of all ages. Quitting smoking dramatically reduces the risk of lung and other cancers, coronary heart disease, stroke, and chronic lung disease. For example, 10 years after a person quits smoking, his or her risk of lung cancer is decreased to about one-third to one-half of that of a person who continues to smoke; with continued abstinence from smoking, the risk of lung cancer decreases even further.

Although quitting smoking is beneficial at any age, the earlier in life a person quits, the more likely it is that he or she will avoid the devastating health effects of continued tobacco use. Few smokers can quit successfully on their first attempt; most people will require several attempts before they are able to permanently quit. This emphasizes the need for smokers to begin trying to quit as early in life as possible.

Measure

Attempt to quit: The percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted smoking cessation within the past 12 months. The attempt-to-quit measure includes both current smokers who smoke every day or some days and who, at the time of the survey, had quit smoking for at least 1 day during the past 12 months, as well as recent former smokers, who quit smoking less than or equal to 1 year ago.

Successful quitting: The percentage of recent smoking cessation success for adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) includes recent former smokers who quit 6-12 months prior to the survey interview among those who met any of the three conditions:

1. Former smokers who had quit smoking 6-12 months prior to the survey interview.
2. Former smokers who had quit smoking less than 6 months prior to the survey interview.
3. Current smokers at the time of the survey interview who initiated smoking at least 2 years prior to the survey interview.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 80 percent the proportion of adult current smokers (aged 18 years and older) who stopped smoking for a day or longer because they were trying to quit.
- Increase to 8 percent the proportion of adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) who successfully quit smoking for at least 6 months in the past 12 months.
- Healthy People 2020 is developing two additional targets to promote smoking cessation using evidence-based strategies. These developmental targets include one to increase smoking cessation attempts by adult smokers using evidence-based strategies (TU-4.2) and one to increase recent smoking cessation success by adult smokers using evidence-based strategies (TU-5.2).

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey 1998-2017.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Attempted to Quit Smoking By Sex

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by sex, 1998-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	54.1	52.1 - 56.1
	Male	53.7	51.1 - 56.3
	Female	54.6	51.5 - 57.7

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	54.1	52.1 - 56.1
	Non-Hispanic White	51.9	49.7 - 54.1
	Non-Hispanic Black	61.7	56.0 - 67.1
	Hispanic	59.0	52.3 - 65.4

By Age

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by age, 1998-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	68.3	58.7 - 76.5
	Ages 25 and older	51.9	49.9 - 54.0

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by age and sex, 1998-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	69.8	59.1 - 78.8
	Males, Ages 25+	51.4	48.7 - 54.0
	Females, Ages 18-24	66.4	49.1 - 80.1
	Females, Ages 25+	52.7	49.7 - 55.6


By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	55.0	52.1 - 58.0
	>=200% of federal poverty level	53.6	50.8 - 56.3

By Education Level

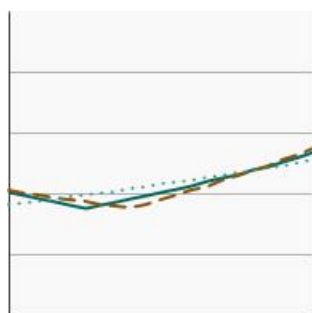
Percentage of adult smokers aged 25 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	50.1	45.3 - 54.9
	High School	48.8	45.5 - 52.1
	Greater than High School	54.9	52.0 - 57.7

Successfully Quit Smoking By Sex

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by sex, 1998-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	8.3	7.1 - 9.7
Male	9.0	7.3 - 11.0
Female	7.4	5.9 - 9.2

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1998-2018

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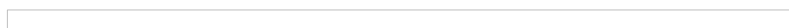
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	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	8.3	7.1 - 9.7
Non-Hispanic White	9.0	7.5 - 10.7
Non-Hispanic Black	4.7	3.0 - 7.4
Hispanic	6.6	4.0 - 10.9

By Age

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by age, 1998-2018

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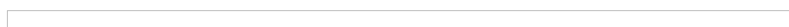
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	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 18-24	18.9	11.1 - 30.3
Ages 25 and older	6.9	5.9 - 8.0

By Sex and Age

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by age and sex, 1998-2018

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[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
Males, Ages 18-24	26.9	16.0 - 41.6
Males, Ages 25+	6.9	5.6 - 8.5
Females, Ages 18-24	8.8	4.3 - 17.2
Females, Ages 25+	6.9	5.6 - 8.5

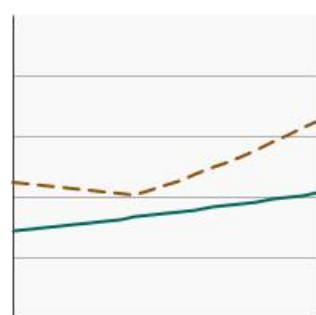
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by poverty income level, 1998-2018

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adult smokers

95% Confidence Interval

5.9

4.7 - 7.5

>=200% of federal poverty level

10.0

8.2 - 12.2

By Education Level

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 25 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Percent of adult smokers

95% Confidence Interval

Less than High School

3.1

1.8 - 5.4

High School

6.3

4.8 - 8.2

Greater than High School

8.5

7.1 - 10.2

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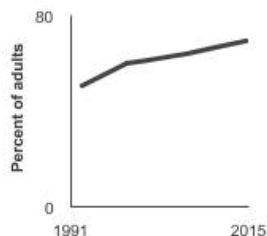
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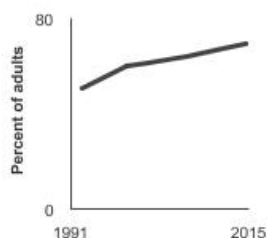
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In 2014 to 2015, 70.0% of adult smokers who had seen a physician during the past 12 months reported being advised by that doctor to quit smoking.



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Introduction

Clinicians' advice to quit smoking can by itself contribute 5 to 10 percentage points toward quitting among smoking patients and much more if coupled with behavioral therapy and pharmacological treatment of nicotine addiction. In addition, even minimal clinical interventions have been shown to be cost effective in increasing smokers' motivation to quit.

If a patient wants to quit, the national guidelines recommend that the clinician follow the "5 A's" (ask, advise, assess, assist, and arrange). For patients who are not yet ready to quit, the clinician should instead provide a brief intervention designed to promote the motivation to quit. Experts have suggested that a wide variety of clinicians, including dentists, physicians, and other health professionals such as pharmacists, can effectively implement brief strategies to increase future quit attempts. In fact, many individual pharmacies and one national pharmacy chain have decided not to sell tobacco products, recognizing that

the sale of tobacco products conflicts with the role of pharmacies as public health facilities.

Measure

The percentage of adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) who have seen a physician or dentist in the past 12 months and report that the physician or dentist advised them to quit smoking.

Healthy People 2020 Target

The Healthy People 2020 (HP2020) targets are developed based on the National Center for Health Statistics survey of physicians and hospitals, and the American Dental Association's Survey of Dental Practice . In contrast, the data presented in the Cancer Trends Progress Report are based on reports from patients regarding whether they received smoking cessation advice from their physicians or dentists. Therefore, the data presented in this report cannot be directly compared to the HP2020 objectives. Nevertheless, patient self-report data is a valuable measure of how clinicians' advice to quit smoking is changing over time.

HP2020 includes targets for physicians' advice to quit smoking in office-based ambulatory care settings and in hospital ambulatory care settings. The HP2020 objective is for adult smokers to receive tobacco cessation counseling at 12.2 percent of visits to physicians' offices, and at 24.9 percent of hospital visits. HP2020 also includes targets for dentists' advice to quit smoking in dental care settings. The HP2020 objective is for patients who use tobacco products to receive cessation counseling at 39.3 percent of dental care visits based on general practice dentist reports that they or their dental team usually or always personally counsel patients who use tobacco products on tobacco cessation.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

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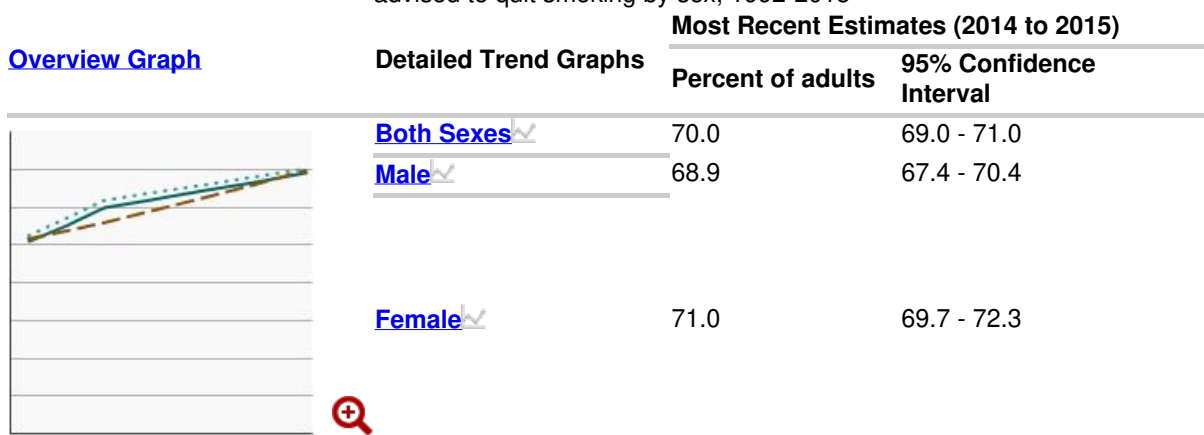
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Physicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

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By Sex

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex, 1992-2015



By Race/Ethnicity

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Dentists' Advice to Quit Smoking

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By Sex

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex, 1992-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes ✓	30.4	29.3 - 31.5
	Male ✓	32.5	30.8 - 34.2
	Female ✓	28.4	27.1 - 29.7

By Race/Ethnicity

By Age

By Sex and Age

By Poverty Income Level

By Education Level

Evidence-based Resources

Evidence-based intervention programs are available on the [Research-tested interventions](#) (RTIPs) website that promote smoking cessation and provide guidance to quit.

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Weight and Physical Activity - Prevention Summary Table

Only one measure per topic is displayed in the summary table. A complete set of measures, where they exist, can be found by following the More Information link in the table below.

Legend:

-  green - headed in the right direction
-  red - headed in the wrong direction
-  black - stable or non-significant change (NSC)
-  purple - indeterminate
-  blue - Healthy People 2020 target

Measure Name	Weight	Physical Activity
Year Range	1971-2016	1997-2018
Measure	The percentage of adults aged 20 years and older who are at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese. These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI within the range of 18.5 to 24.9 to be healthy, a BMI between 25 and 29.9 to be overweight, and a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.	Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported no leisure-time physical activity during the past month and percentage of adults who meet both the aerobic and muscle-strengthening guidelines.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising	Falling

Measure Name	Weight	Physical Activity
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling	Falling
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	During 2015 to 2016, 27.2% percent of adults aged 20 years and older were at a healthy weight, 31.8% percent were overweight, and 39.5% percent were obese.	In 2018, 25.4% of adults 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 33.9% percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight and decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.	Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.
More Information	Weight	Physical Activity
Last Updated	March 2020	March 2020

Measure Name: Weight

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Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	During 2015 to 2016, 27.2% percent of adults aged 20 years and older were at a healthy weight, 31.8% percent were overweight, and 39.5% percent were obese.

Healthy People 2020 Target

Increase to 33.9% percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight and decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.

More Information [Weight](#)

Measure Name: Physical Activity

Measure Name Physical Activity

Year Range 1997-2018

Measure Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported no leisure-time physical activity during the past month and percentage of adults who meet both the aerobic and muscle-strengthening guidelines.

Recent Summary Trend Falling

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2014-2018

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph 

Trends and Most Recent Estimates In 2018, 25.4% of adults 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.

Healthy People 2020 Target Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.

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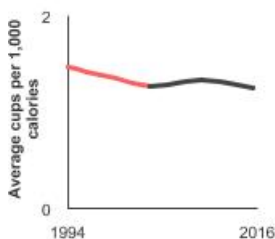
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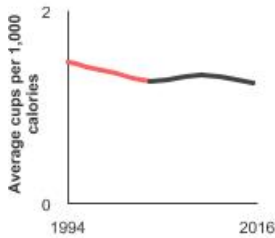
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From 2015 to 2016, people aged 2 years and older consumed 1.3 cups of fruit and vegetables per 1,000 calories.



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Introduction

People whose diets are rich in plant foods such as fruits and vegetables have a lower risk of getting cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, and lung, and some evidence suggests that maintaining a diet rich in plant foods also lowers the risk of cancers of the colon, pancreas, and prostate. This diet also reduces the risk of diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension, helps to reduce calorie intake, and may help to control weight.

To help prevent the aforementioned cancers and other chronic diseases, experts recommend the daily consumption of 2 to 6.5 cups of fruits and vegetables, depending on one's energy needs. This includes 1 to 2.5 cups of fruits and 1 to 4 cups of vegetables, with special emphasis on dark green and orange vegetables and legumes. There is no evidence that the popular white potato protects against cancer.

Measure

Average daily cup equivalents per 1,000 calories of fruits and vegetables for people aged 2 years and older. This measure includes fruits and vegetables from all sources.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- 0.9 daily cup equivalents of fruit per 1,000 calories. 1.14 daily cup equivalents of vegetables per 1,000 calories, with at least 0.55 cup equivalents of dark green or orange vegetables or legumes per 1,000 calories.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

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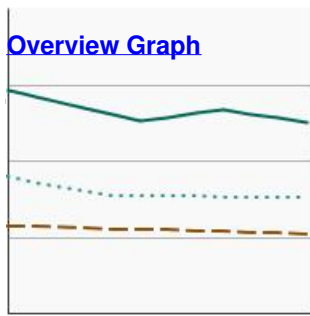
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates ?

Overall Comparison

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older, 1994-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Fruit and Vegetables Combined	1.3	1.2 - 1.3
	Fruit	0.5	0.5 - 0.5



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
---------------------------------	-------------------------

[Vegetables](#) ✓

0.8

0.7 - 0.8

Fruit and Vegetables Combined

Expand Section +

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By Sex

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
---------------------------------	-------------------------

[Both Sexes](#) ✓

1.3

1.2 - 1.3

[Male](#) ✓

1.2

1.1 - 1.2

[Female](#) ✓

1.4

1.3 - 1.5

By Race/Ethnicity

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
---------------------------------	-------------------------

[All Races](#) ✓

1.3

1.2 - 1.3

[Non-Hispanic White](#) ✓

1.2

1.2 - 1.3

[Non-Hispanic Black](#) ✓

1.2

1.1 - 1.3


[Hispanic](#) ✓

1.3

1.3 - 1.4

By Poverty Income Level

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2016


Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of Federal Poverty Level	1.2	1.2 - 1.3
	>=200% of Federal Poverty Level	1.3	1.2 - 1.3

Fruit

[Expand Section +](#) [Collapse Section -](#)


By Sex

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	0.5	0.5 - 0.5
	Male	0.4	0.4 - 0.5
	Female	0.6	0.5 - 0.6


By Race/Ethnicity

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	0.5	0.5 - 0.5
	Non-Hispanic White	0.5	0.4 - 0.5
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.5	0.4 - 0.5
	Hispanic	0.6	0.5 - 0.6

By Poverty Income Level

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2016


Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of Federal Poverty Level	0.5	0.5 - 0.6
	>=200% of Federal Poverty Level	0.5	0.4 - 0.5

Vegetables

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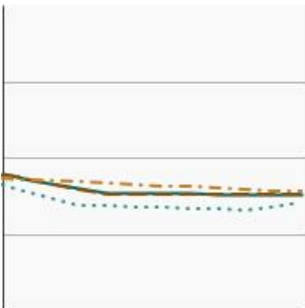
By Sex

Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	0.8	0.7 - 0.8
	Male	0.7	0.7 - 0.7
	Female	0.8	0.8 - 0.9

By Race/Ethnicity

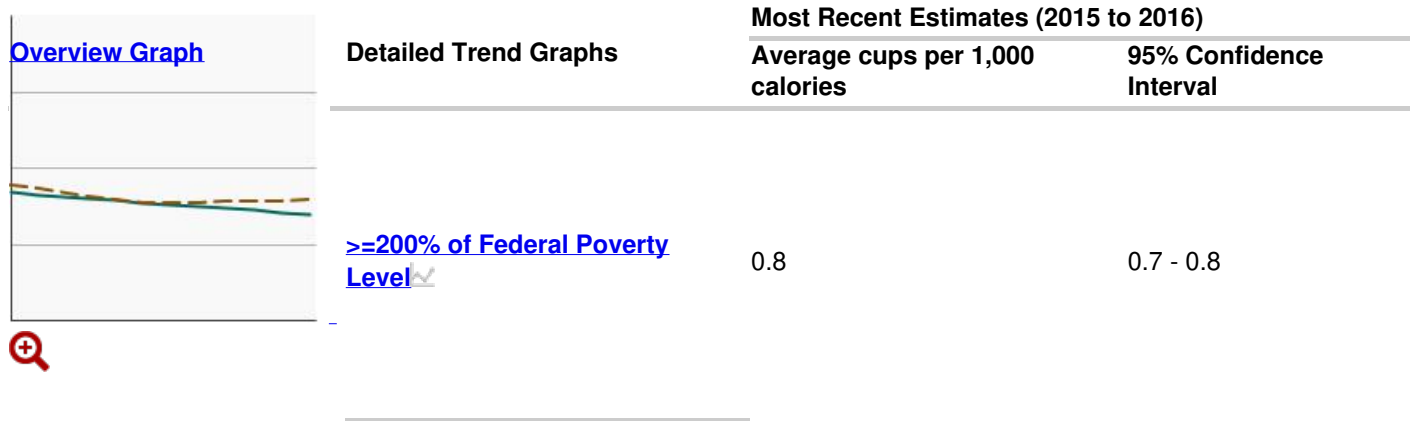
Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2016

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		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	0.8	0.7 - 0.8
	Non-Hispanic White	0.8	0.7 - 0.8
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.7	0.7 - 0.7
	Hispanic	0.8	0.7 - 0.8

By Poverty Income Level

Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of Federal Poverty Level	0.7	0.7 - 0.8



Cancers Related to Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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Evidence-based Resources

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Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption

Data Up to Date as of:

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Introduction

Red meat is associated with an increased risk of colon and rectum cancer, and evidence also suggests it is associated with some other cancers, such as prostate and pancreatic cancer. Examples of red meat include beef, pork, and lamb.

Processed meats are products that have been preserved by smoking, curing, salting, and/or the addition of chemical preservatives. Examples of processed meat include hot dogs, sausages, bacon, and luncheon meats. Processed meat is associated with an increased risk of colorectal cancer, and evidence also suggests it is associated with stomach cancer.

However, more research is needed to understand how red meat and processed meats influence cancer risk. The increased risk may be explained by the iron and fat content in red meat, and/or the salt and nitrates/nitrites in processed meat. Additionally, when meat is cooked at high temperatures, substances are formed that may cause cancer.

Measure

Average daily ounce equivalents of red meat and processed meat per 1000 calories for people aged 2 years and older.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for red meat and processed meat consumption.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Food Surveys Research Group (Beltsville, MD). Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals 1994-96, 1998

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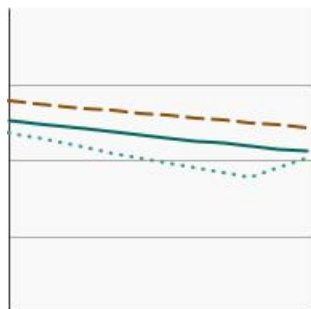
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Red Meat

By Sex

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2016

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Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	1.2	1.1 - 1.2
Male	1.3	1.2 - 1.4
Female	1.0	1.0 - 1.1

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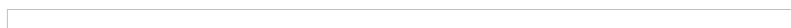
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1.0 - 1.1

By Race/Ethnicity

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2016

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Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	1.2	1.1 - 1.2
Non-Hispanic White	1.2	1.1 - 1.3
Non-Hispanic Black	1.1	1.0 - 1.2
Hispanic	1.1	1.0 - 1.2

[All Races](#)

1.2

1.1 - 1.2

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1.2

1.1 - 1.3

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1.1

1.0 - 1.2

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1.0 - 1.2

By Poverty Income Level

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2016

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Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of Federal Poverty Level	1.2	1.1 - 1.3
≥200% of Federal Poverty Level	1.2	1.1 - 1.2

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1.2

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1.2

1.1 - 1.2

Processed Meat By Sex

Average ounces of processed meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 2005-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	0.5	0.4 - 0.5
	Male	0.5	0.5 - 0.6
	Female	0.4	0.4 - 0.5

By Race/Ethnicity

Average ounces of processed meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2005-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	0.5	0.4 - 0.5
	Non-Hispanic White	0.6	0.5 - 0.6
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.4	0.4 - 0.5
	Hispanic	0.4	0.3 - 0.4

By Poverty Income Level

Average ounces of processed meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 2005-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of Federal Poverty Level	0.4	0.4 - 0.5
	>=200% of Federal Poverty Level	0.5	0.5 - 0.6

Cancers Related to Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Colon and Rectum](#)
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- [Pancreatic](#)
- [Stomach](#)

Evidence-based Resources

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Additional Information on Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption For the public

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Fat Consumption

Data Up to Date as of:

March 2020

Introduction

Some studies suggest that high-fat diets or high intakes of different types of fat in the diet may be linked to several cancers, including colon, lung, and postmenopausal breast cancer, as well as heart disease and other chronic diseases.

More research is needed to better understand which types of fat should be avoided and how much of each type alters cancer risk. Although monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids have been studied for a number of years, their effects are still unclear. More recent research on the effects of trans fatty acids also has yet to reach definitive conclusions.

The 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, recommend getting less than 10 percent of calories from saturated fatty acids and keeping trans fatty acid consumption as low as possible for general health and the prevention of chronic disease, including cancer and heart disease. The guidelines also recommend keeping total fat intake between 20 and 35 percent of calories for adults, with most fats coming from sources of polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids, such as fish, nuts, and vegetable oils.

Measure

Intakes of total fat, and of the major fatty acids - saturated, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated - as a percentage of total calories.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 14.2 percent the mean percentage of total daily calorie intake from solid fats for the population aged 2 years and older.
- Reduce to 9.9 percent the mean percentage of total daily calorie intake from saturated fat for the population aged 2 years and older.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1999-2016.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Fat Intake Comparison

Fat intake as a percentage of total calories, 1989-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Total	35.2	34.8 - 35.6
	Saturated Fat	11.7	11.5 - 11.9
	Monounsaturated Fat	12.3	12.1 - 12.4
	Polyunsaturated Fat	8.0	7.9 - 8.2

Total Fat Intake By Sex

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	35.2	34.8 - 35.6
	Male	34.9	34.4 - 35.4
	Female	35.5	35.0 - 36.0

By Race/Ethnicity

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	35.2	34.8 - 35.6
	Non-Hispanic White	35.9	35.4 - 36.4
	Non-Hispanic Black	35.1	34.4 - 35.8
	Hispanic	33.8	33.3 - 34.4

By Poverty Income Level

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of Federal Poverty Level	34.5	33.9 - 35.2
	≥200% of Federal Poverty Level	35.7	35.3 - 36.1

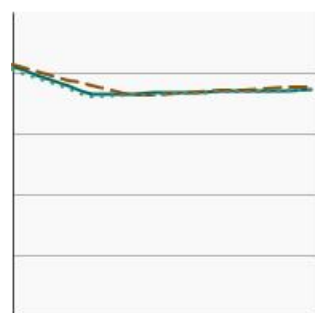
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Percent of total calories

11.7

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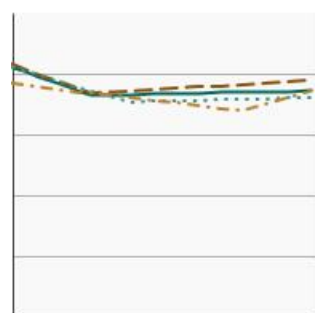
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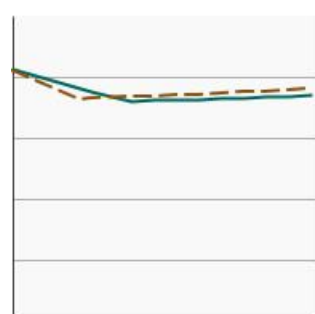
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11.4

11.1 - 11.7

[≥200% of Federal Poverty Level](#)

11.9

11.6 - 12.1


Monosaturated Fat Intake By Sex

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	12.3	12.1 - 12.4
	Male	12.2	12.0 - 12.4
	Female	12.3	12.0 - 12.6


By Race/Ethnicity

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	12.3	12.1 - 12.4
	Non-Hispanic White	12.4	12.2 - 12.7
	Non-Hispanic Black	12.3	12.1 - 12.6
	Hispanic	11.7	11.5 - 12.0

By Poverty Income Level

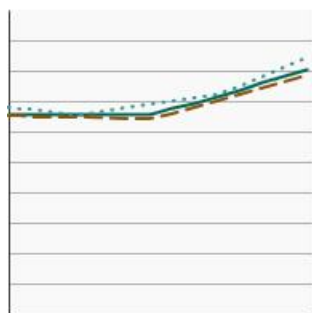
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Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of Federal Poverty Level	11.9	11.7 - 12.2
	≥200% of Federal Poverty Level	12.5	12.3 - 12.7

Polyunsaturated Fat Intake By Sex

Polyunsaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2016

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Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	8.0	7.9 - 8.2
Male	7.8	7.6 - 8.0
Female	8.3	8.0 - 8.5

By Race/Ethnicity

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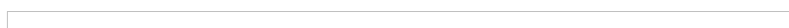
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Hispanic	7.7	7.6 - 7.9

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Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of Federal Poverty Level	7.9	7.8 - 8.1
>=200% of Federal Poverty Level	8.1	7.9 - 8.4

Cancers Related to Fat Consumption

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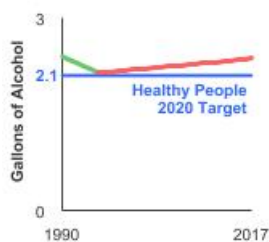
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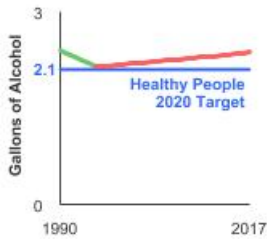
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In 2017, the annual per capita alcohol consumption was 2.3 gallons.



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Introduction

Drinking alcohol increases the risk of cancers of the mouth, esophagus, pharynx, larynx, liver, colon and rectum in men and women and of breast cancer in women. In general, these risks increase after about one daily drink for women and two daily drinks for men. (A drink is defined as 12 ounces of regular beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor.)

The chances of getting liver cancer increase markedly with five or more drinks per day. Heavy alcohol use may also increase the risk of colorectal cancer and leads to greater increases in risk for most of the alcohol-related cancers. The sooner long-term, heavy alcohol use begins, the greater the cancer risk. Also, using alcohol with tobacco is riskier than using either one alone because it further increases the chances of getting cancers of the mouth, throat, and esophagus.

Measure

Per capita alcohol consumption: The estimated number of gallons of pure alcohol consumed per person (aged 14 years and older), per year. This measure accounts for the varying alcohol content of wine, beer, and liquor. People as young as 14 are included because a large number of adolescents begin drinking at an early age.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce average annual alcohol consumption by individuals aged 14 years and older to 2.1 gallons.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. [Surveillance report #113 – Apparent per capita alcohol consumption: national, state, and regional trends, 1977–2017](#). April 2019.

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Alcohol Consumption

Apparent per capita alcohol consumption in gallons by individuals aged 14 years and older, 1990-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Gallons of Alcohol	95% Confidence Interval
	All Types of Alcoholic Beverages	2.3	Not available

Cancers Related to Alcohol Consumption

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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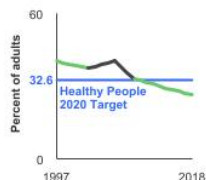
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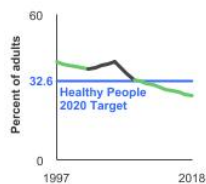
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In 2018, 25.4% of adults reported no physical activity in their leisure time.



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Introduction

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. In particular, physical activity may reduce the risk of several types of cancer, including bladder, breast, colon, endometrium (lining of the uterus), esophagus (adenocarcinoma), kidney, and stomach. Physical activity may also lower a person's risk of other health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and osteoporosis (bone thinning). Being active may also help to prevent weight gain and obesity, which can reduce the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight.

Physical activity also improves the quality of life among cancer patients and survivors. For people with colorectal cancer, women with breast cancer, and men with prostate cancer, greater amounts of physical activity are associated with reduced risk of mortality from the original type of cancer. For people with colorectal cancer and women with breast cancer, greater amounts of physical activity are also associated with reduced risk of all-cause mortality.

Several national groups offer recommendations for engaging in regular physical activity. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 1 hour of physical activity every day for children and adolescents, and 2.5 hours of moderate-intensity aerobic activity, or 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, for adults each week. Adults should also do muscle-strengthening activities on 2 or more days a week.

Measure

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported no leisure-time physical activity during the past month and percentage of adults who meet both the aerobic and muscle-strengthening guidelines.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the percentage of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity to 32.6 percent.
- Increase the proportion of adults who meet the objectives for aerobic physical activity and for muscle-strengthening activity to 20.1 percent.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey 1992–2018.

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By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by sex, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	25.4	24.4 - 26.5
	Male	23.0	21.8 - 24.3
	Female	27.7	26.4 - 29.1

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By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by race/ethnicity, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	25.4	24.4 - 26.5
	Non-Hispanic White	21.7	20.6 - 22.9
	Non-Hispanic Black	34.0	31.3 - 36.7
	Hispanic	34.1	31.6 - 36.7

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By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by poverty income level, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	38.9	37.1 - 40.7
	>=200% of federal poverty level	20.4	19.3 - 21.5

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By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by highest level of education obtained, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	47.7	44.8 - 50.7
	High School	35.2	33.3 - 37.2
	Greater than High School	19.7	18.7 - 20.8

Meet Federal Guidelines

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By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by sex, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	23.8	23.0 - 24.6
	Male	27.1	26.0 - 28.3
	Female	20.6	19.6 - 21.6

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by race/ethnicity, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	23.8	23.0 - 24.6
	Non-Hispanic White	25.6	24.5 - 26.6
	Non-Hispanic Black	20.2	18.1 - 22.5
	Hispanic	21.2	19.4 - 23.0

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by poverty income level, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	14.8	13.7 - 15.9
	>=200% of federal poverty level	27.3	26.3 - 28.3

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by highest level of education obtained, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	9.6	8.1 - 11.3
	High School	14.4	13.2 - 15.8
	Greater than High School	27.3	26.3 - 28.3

Cancers Related to Physical Activity

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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- [Colon and Rectum](#)
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Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on [physical activity on the Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal. Learn about evidence-based practices, federal guidelines, intervention strategies and [evidence-based interventions](#).

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Introduction

Consistent evidence indicates that preventing excess body weight and obesity reduces the risk of several types of cancer, including colorectal, breast (among women who have gone through menopause), uterine, esophageal, renal cell (kidney), liver, and pancreatic cancers.

Research has also identified an association between obesity and worse prognosis and outcomes among some cancer patients, particularly those with breast, prostate, liver, and colon cancer. Excess body weight is thought to contribute to as many as one in five cancer-related deaths in the United States.

While there is still much to be learned about the link between excess weight and cancer, people who are overweight or obese are encouraged to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Doing so has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity.

Measure

The percentage of adults aged 20 years and older who are at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese. These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI within the range of 18.5 to 24.9 to be healthy, a BMI between 25 and 29.9 to be overweight, and a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 33.9 percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight.
- Reduce to 30.5 percent the proportion of adults who are obese.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

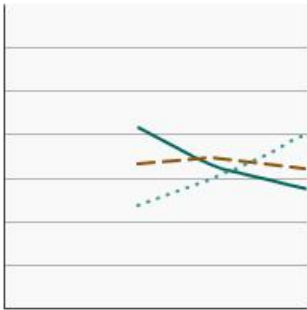
Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1971–2016.


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Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Healthy Weight	27.2	24.4 - 30.1
	Overweight	31.8	30.6 - 33.1
	Obese	39.5	36.3 - 42.7


Healthy Weight By Sex

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by sex, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	27.2	24.4 - 30.1
	Male	23.8	21.1 - 26.5
	Female	30.4	26.6 - 34.2

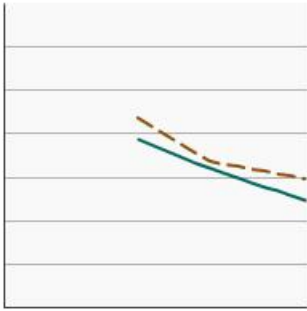
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Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by race/ethnicity, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	27.2	24.4 - 30.1
	Non-Hispanic White	28.5	25.7 - 31.2
	Non-Hispanic Black	22.8	19.6 - 26.0
	Hispanic	17.3	15.0 - 19.7

By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by poverty status, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	< 200% of the federal poverty level	25.5	22.1 - 29.0
	>= 200% of the federal poverty level	28.5	24.9 - 32.2

By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were at a healthy weight by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	24.6	19.8 - 29.3
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	Greater than High School	28.2	25.3 - 31.1

Overweight By Sex

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by sex, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	31.8	30.6 - 33.1
	Male	37.2	33.8 - 40.5
	Female	26.9	24.9 - 28.9

By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by race/ethnicity, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	31.8	30.6 - 33.1
	Non-Hispanic White	32.1	30.2 - 34.1
	Non-Hispanic Black	28.0	25.9 - 30.2
	Hispanic	35.1	31.4 - 38.7

By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by poverty status, 1971-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	< 200% of the federal poverty level	30.4	28.2 - 32.6
	>= 200% of the federal poverty level	32.1	30.2 - 33.9

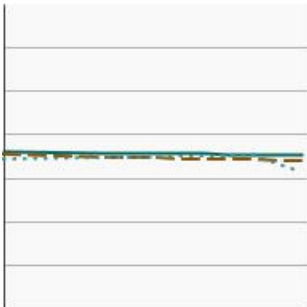
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Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were overweight by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2016

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		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	34.6	30.8 - 38.4
	High School	35.1	30.6 - 39.5
	Greater than High School	31.2	29.3 - 33.1

Obese By Sex

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by sex, 1971-2016

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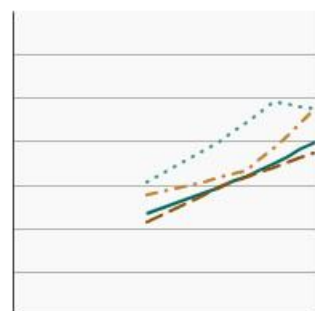


	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	39.5	36.3 - 42.7
	Male	37.9	33.4 - 42.5
	Female	41.0	37.9 - 44.0

By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	39.5	36.3 - 42.7
	Non-Hispanic White	37.9	34.3 - 41.4
	Non-Hispanic Black	47.9	43.6 - 52.3
	Hispanic	46.7	42.5 - 51.0

Males by Race/Ethnicity

Percent of males aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2016

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	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	37.9	33.4 - 42.5
	Non-Hispanic White	38.1	32.5 - 43.7
	Non-Hispanic Black	38.1	33.4 - 42.9
	Hispanic	42.3	36.5 - 48.1

Females by Race/Ethnicity

Percent of females aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2016

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	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	41.0	37.9 - 44.0
	Non-Hispanic White	37.7	34.1 - 41.3
	Non-Hispanic Black	55.7	51.3 - 60.0
	Hispanic	50.5	46.6 - 54.4

By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by poverty status, 1971-2016

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>< 200% of the federal poverty level</u>	42.6	38.7 - 46.4
	<u>>= 200% of the federal poverty level</u>	38.0	34.5 - 41.5

By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were obese by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2016

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		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	39.9	35.1 - 44.7
	<u>High School</u>	44.4	39.3 - 49.6
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	39.3	35.5 - 43.1

Cancers Related to Weight

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Brain and Other Nervous System](#)
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- [Stomach](#)
- [Uterus](#)

Evidence-based Resources

Find multiple diet/nutrition evidence-based interventions on the [Research-tested intervention Programs \(RTIPs\)](#) website. Obesity data, enhanced collaboration around evidence-based practices, evidence approaches for obesity prevention and control and state plans for comprehensive cancer control are found on [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#)

Additional Information on Weight For the public

- [Obesity and Cancer Risk](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Chartbook on Healthy Living](#). Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- [ACS Guidelines on Nutrition and Physical Activity for Cancer Prevention](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Take Control of Your Weight](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Cancer and Obesity](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Cancer Prevention and Control: Healthy Choices](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Overweight and Obesity](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Physical Activity for a Healthy Weight](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Body Mass Index Table](#). National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

For health professionals

- [Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults](#). National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.
- [Obesity in Children and Adolescents: Screening \(June 2017\)](#). U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.
- [Weight Loss to Prevent Obesity-Related Morbidity and Mortality in Adults: Behavioral Interventions](#). U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

Scientific reports

- [Trends in obesity among adults in the United States, 2005 to 2014](#). Flegal KM, Kruszon-Moran D, Carroll MD et al. *JAMA* 2016;315(21):2284-2291.
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- [Body Fatness and Cancer — Viewpoint of the IARC Working Group](#). Lauby-Secretan B, Scoccianti C, Loomis D, Grosse Y, Bianchini F, and Straif K for the International Agency for Research on Cancer Handbook Working Group. *N Engl J Med*. 2016; 375:794-798.
- [Trends in Obesity and Severe Obesity Prevalence in US Youth and Adults by Sex and Age, 2007-2008 to 2015-2016](#). Hales CM, Fryar CD, Carroll MD et al. *JAMA* 2018; 319(16):1723-1725.
- [Nutrition and physical activity cancer prevention guidelines, cancer risk, and mortality in the women's health initiative](#). Thomson CA, McCullough ML, Wertheim BC, et al. *Cancer Prev Res (Phila)* 2014;1:42–53.
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- [Diet, nutrition, physical activity, and cancer: a global perspective](#). World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research.
- [Energy balance and body fatness](#). World Cancer Research Fund and the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Statistics

- [Obesity and Overweight](#). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

UV Exposure and Sun Protective Behavior

Reducing unprotected exposure to the sun and avoiding artificial ultraviolet (UV) light from indoor tanning beds, tanning booths, and sun lamps can lower the risk of skin cancer.

- [Sun Protective Behavior](#)
- [Indoor Tanning](#)
- [Sunburn](#)

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Sun-Protective Behavior

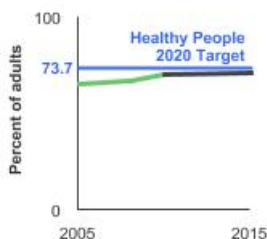
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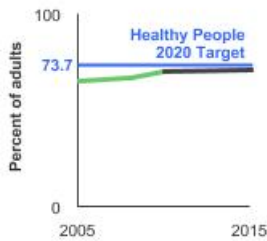
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In 2015, 70.8% of adults said they usually or always protect themselves from the sun by practicing at least one of three sun protection behaviors.



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Introduction

Avoiding sunburns and intermittent high-intensity sun exposure (especially in children, teens, and young adults) reduces the chances of getting melanoma skin cancer. Engaging in sun-protective behaviors when outside can reduce one's exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation and sunburn. For example, avoiding intense sun when possible and seeking shade can reduce the risk of sunburn, and one of the goals of the Surgeon General's [Call To Action to Prevent Skin Cancer](#) is to increase the availability of shade in outdoor recreation, education, and workplace environments. Additional behaviors such as wearing sun-protective clothing (e.g., long sleeve shirt, long pants, and wide brim hat) and sunglasses can help prevent excessive exposure to UV. Broad spectrum sunscreen (protects against UVA and UVB) with a sun protection factor of 15 or higher (SPF15 or higher) should be used in combination with other sun-protective behaviors and applied appropriately (e.g., proper amount applied prior to sun exposure and with timely reapplication).

In recent years, the Food and Drug Administration has improved standards for sunscreen content and labeling to minimize misleading statements and better ensure formulations deliver the advertised benefits.

Protective behaviors are most needed when UV intensity is greatest, which occurs during the summer time and between 10 am and 4 pm. However, UV index can also be high during cloudy days, and for some regions of the U.S., such as the southeast and southwest, UV intensity is high year-round. To help maximize one's protection, multiple sun-protective behaviors should be practiced, especially for those with sun sensitive skin. People with sun sensitive skin are relatively more likely to incur sunburn and are at greater risk for skin cancer. Sun sensitivity reflects a person's characteristic skin response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Though related to sun sensitivity, skin color and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity.

Measure

The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported that they usually or always practice at least one of three sun-protective behaviors - using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing (a long-sleeve shirt, and/or wide brimmed hat shading the face, ears, and neck, and/or long pants/long skirt), or seeking shade when going outside on a sunny day for more than an hour.

Beginning in 2005, the question on hat use (as part of protective clothing) was modified to more accurately distinguish baseball caps (which do not fully protect the face, neck, and ears) from other types of fully protective hats. Graphic illustrations of different hats were used, and respondents were asked a separate question about baseball cap and sun visor use. Also, long pants/long skirt was an item added in 2005.

The data series for this measure page have differing years of availability with 'protective clothing' available for 2005+, 'sunscreen use (SPF 15+)' available for 2000+ and 'likely to seek shade' available for 1992+. For the graphs that compare the different methods or present a total of all three protection types, trends were calculated for 2005+. For graphs that show the series individually, the full range of available data is shown.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 73.7 percent the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who follow protective measures that may reduce the risk of skin cancer.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

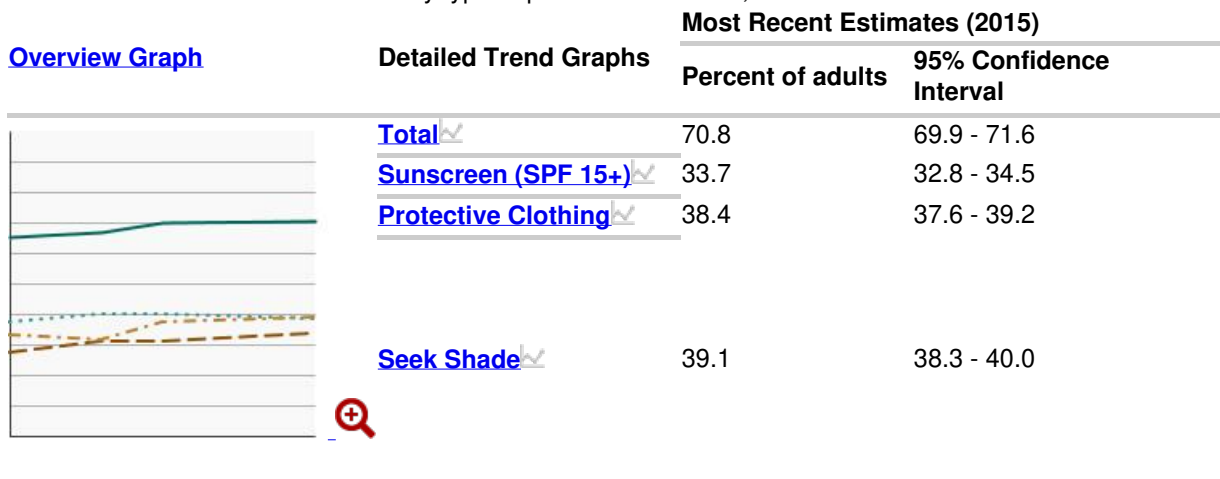
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey NCI and CDC co-sponsored Cancer Control Supplement, 1992-2010, 2005–2015.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates ?

Sun Protection Methods

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by type of protective measure, 2005-2015

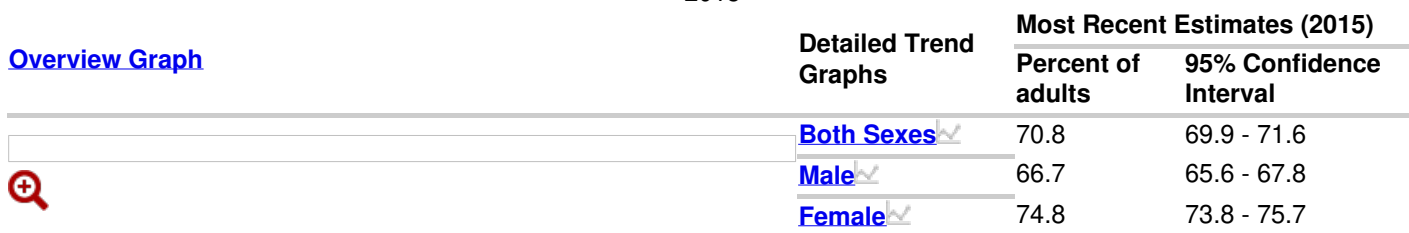


Use Some Type of Protection

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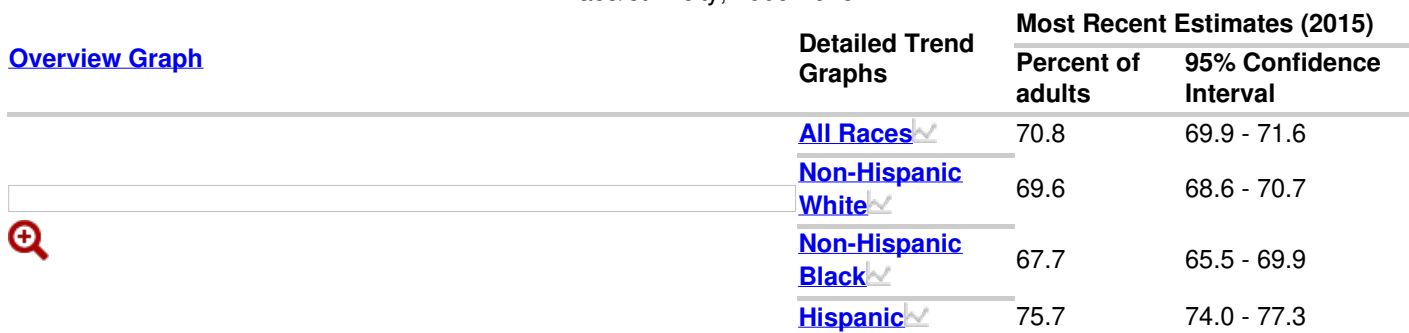
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Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by sex, 2005-2015



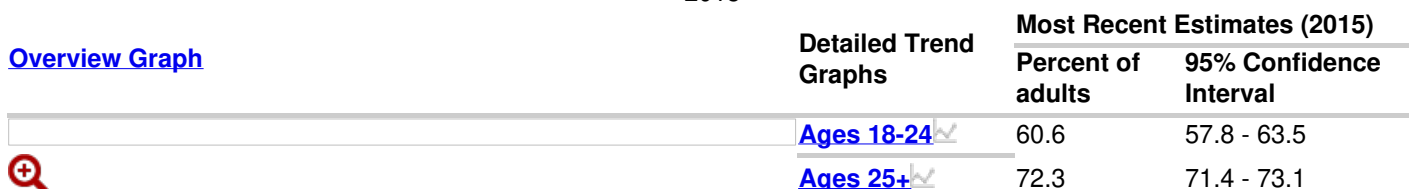
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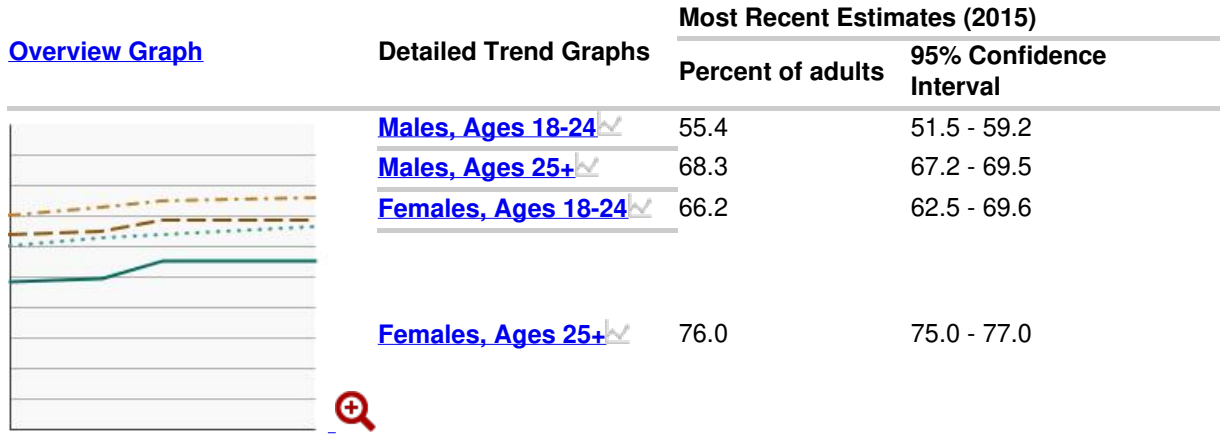
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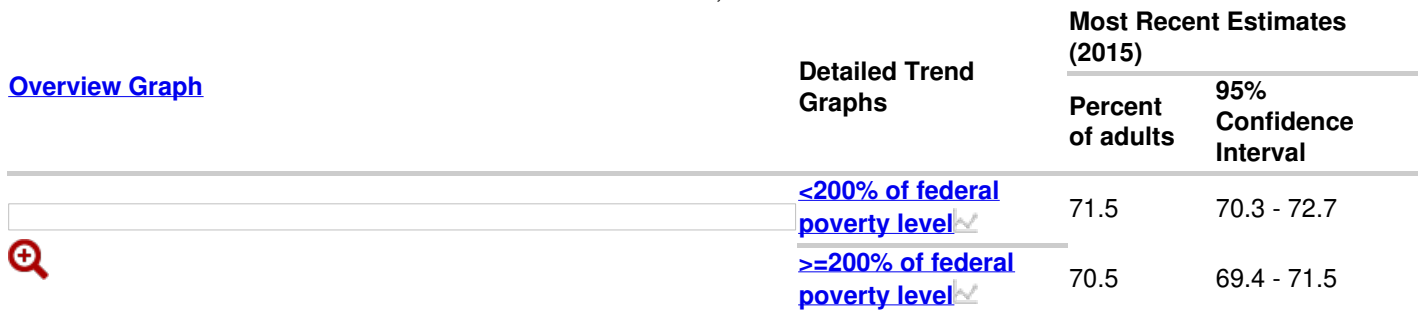
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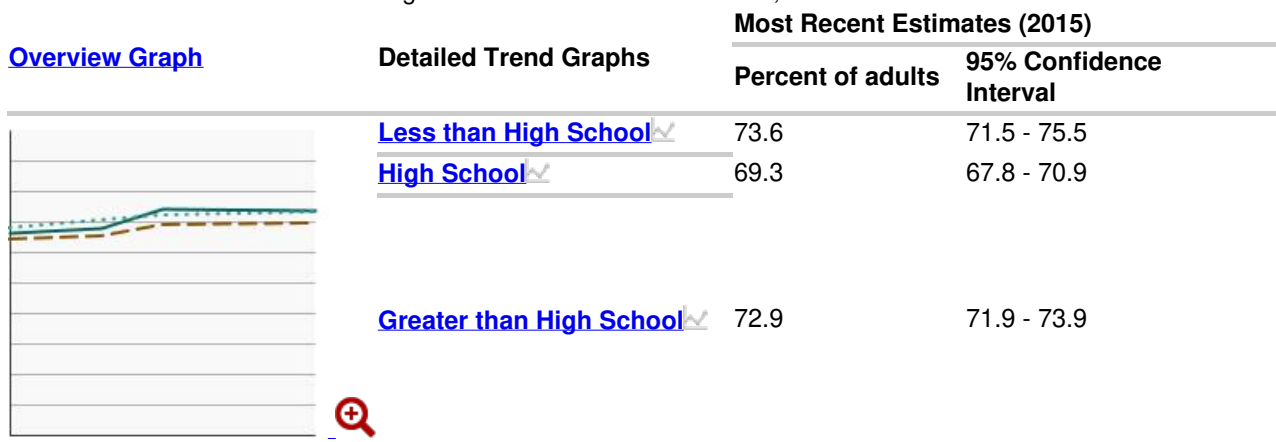
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Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by poverty income level, 2005-2015



By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2015



By Sun Sensitivity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by sun sensitivity, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Sun-Sensitive	75.7	74.6 - 76.7
	Not Sun-Sensitive	62.7	61.5 - 64.0

Sun sensitivity reflects a person's biological response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Although race is related to sun sensitivity, race and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity.

Use Sunscreen

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By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sex, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	33.7	32.8 - 34.5
	Male	23.4	22.4 - 24.4
	Female	43.6	42.4 - 44.8

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by race/ethnicity, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	33.7	32.8 - 34.5
	Non-Hispanic White	40.4	39.3 - 41.5
	Non-Hispanic Black	10.9	9.8 - 12.2
	Hispanic	24.7	23.1 - 26.4

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by age, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	25.9	23.2 - 28.9
	Ages 25+	34.8	33.9 - 35.7

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sex and age, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	17.0	14.1 - 20.4
	Males, Ages 25+	24.3	23.2 - 25.5
	Females, Ages 18-24	35.3	31.4 - 39.3
	Females, Ages 25+	44.8	43.6 - 46.0

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by poverty income level, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	21.4	20.3 - 22.6
	>=200% of federal poverty level	38.7	37.6 - 39.7

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2015

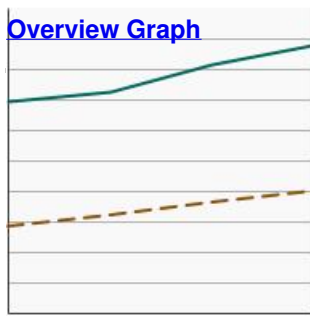
Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	16.0	14.2 - 18.0
	High School	24.9	23.4 - 26.5
	Greater than High School	41.8	40.7 - 43.0

By Sun Sensitivity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sun sensitivity, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Sun-Sensitive	43.9	42.7 - 45.0

Sun sensitivity reflects a person's biological response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Although race is related to sun sensitivity, race and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity.



Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Not Sun-Sensitive	20.0	19.0 - 21.1

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Wear Protective Clothing

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By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sex, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	38.4	37.6 - 39.2
	Male	43.6	42.4 - 44.8
	Female	33.4	32.4 - 34.4

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by race/ethnicity, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	38.4	37.6 - 39.2
	Non-Hispanic White	34.7	33.6 - 35.7
	Non-Hispanic Black	39.6	37.4 - 41.7
	Hispanic	49.0	47.2 - 50.9

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by age, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	27.1	24.6 - 29.7

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 25+	40.1	39.2 - 41.0

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sex and age, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	31.8	28.1 - 35.7
	Males, Ages 25+	45.3	44.0 - 46.6
	Females, Ages 18-24	22.1	19.1 - 25.5
	Females, Ages 25+	35.0	34.0 - 36.2

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by poverty income level, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	43.4	42.0 - 44.8
	≥200% of federal poverty level	36.2	35.2 - 37.2

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	51.7	49.3 - 54.1
	High School	40.8	39.1 - 42.6
	Greater than High School	37.7	36.6 - 38.8

By Sun Sensitivity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sun sensitivity, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Sun-Sensitive ✓	38.0	37.0 - 39.1
	Not Sun-Sensitive ✓	37.7	36.5 - 38.9

Sun sensitivity reflects a person's biological response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Although race is related to sun sensitivity, race and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity.

Seek Shade

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By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sex, 1992-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes ✓	39.1	38.3 - 40.0
	Male ✓	31.9	30.8 - 33.2
	Female ✓	46.0	45.0 - 47.1

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by race/ethnicity, 1992-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races ✓	39.1	38.3 - 40.0
	Non-Hispanic White ✓	34.1	33.1 - 35.1
	Non-Hispanic Black ✓	48.7	46.5 - 50.9
	Hispanic ✓	49.1	47.2 - 50.9

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by age, 1992-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	32.0	29.5 - 34.6
	Ages 25+	40.2	39.3 - 41.1

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sex and age, 1992-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	25.5	22.4 - 28.9
	Males, Ages 25+	32.9	31.6 - 34.2
	Females, Ages 18-24	38.8	35.3 - 42.4
	Females, Ages 25+	47.1	46.1 - 48.1

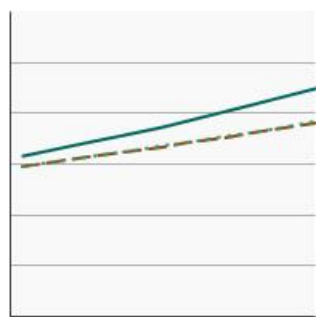
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by poverty income level, 1998-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	45.6	44.3 - 47.0
	>=200% of federal poverty level	36.3	35.3 - 37.4


By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	46.0	43.6 - 48.4
	High School	39.9	38.0 - 41.7
	Greater than High School	39.0	37.9 - 40.1

By Sun Sensitivity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who always or most of the time protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sun sensitivity, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Sun-Sensitive	41.4	40.2 - 42.6
	Not Sun-Sensitive	33.0	31.8 - 34.2

Sun sensitivity reflects a person's biological response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Although race is related to sun sensitivity, race and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity.

Cancers Related to Sun-Protective Behavior

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Melanoma of the Skin](#)

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on sun-protective behaviors that are effective at lowering risk of skin cancer. Visit the [sun safety on Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal. [Multicomponent community-wide interventions](#) are recommended to prevent skin cancer as well as [education and policy approaches](#).

Additional Information on UV Exposure and Sun-Protective Practices

For the public

- [Skin Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
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Indoor Tanning

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Introduction

Exposure to artificial ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from indoor tanning beds and sun lamps increases the risk of skin cancer. In July 2014, a Surgeon General's [Call To Action to Prevent Skin Cancer Report](#) was released. One of the goals of this report was to reduce the harms from indoor tanning. In the same year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) increased the stringency of regulations related to indoor tanning equipment and facilities that provide indoor tanning services, recommended that persons repeatedly exposed to UVR should be regularly evaluated for skin cancer, and changed the classification of such devices to a Class II from a Class I designation. [Guy et al. 2017](#) estimated that restricting indoor tanning among minors under 18 years old may prevent melanoma incidence and mortality and save millions of dollars in treatment costs in the United States. Reports indicate that age restriction laws have been associated with less indoor tanning. Several states have adopted laws restricting youth access to tanning beds, and the FDA has proposed a nationwide restriction for minors' (under 18 years) access to tanning beds.

Measure

The percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who reported use of an indoor tanning device such as a sunlamp, sunbed, or tanning booth (not counting receipt of a spray-on tan) one or more times during the 12 months before the survey.

The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who have used an indoor tanning device one or more times during the past 12 months.

Although NHIS-CCS also collected this data for adults in 2005 and 2008, the methodology used likely resulted in overestimates, and these data are not included in the report.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 14 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who report using artificial sources of ultraviolet light for tanning.
- Reduce to 3.6 percent the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who report using artificial sources of ultraviolet light for tanning.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Adolescents: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), 2009–2017.

Adults: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey NCI and CDC co-sponsored Cancer Control Supplement, 2010-2015.

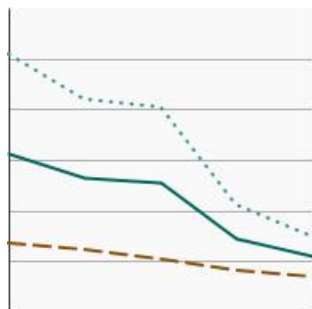
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Adolescents

By Sex

Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex, 2009-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	5.6	4.7 - 6.6
Male	3.5	2.9 - 4.3
Female	7.5	5.8 - 9.5

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2009-2017

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	5.6	4.7 - 6.6
Non-Hispanic White	6.6	5.3 - 8.3
Non-Hispanic Black	5.5	4.1 - 7.3
Hispanic	3.2	2.7 - 3.9

Females by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2009-2017

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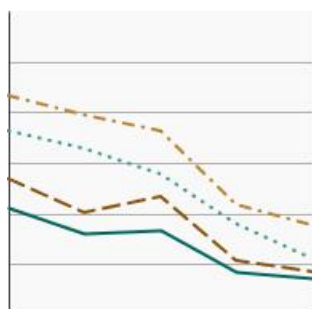
Most Recent Estimates (2017)

	Percent of female adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	7.5	5.8 - 9.5
Non-Hispanic White	10.1	7.5 - 13.4
Non-Hispanic Black	3.8	2.5 - 5.8
Hispanic	3.0	2.3 - 4.0

By High School Grade

Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2017

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
Grade 9	3.7	2.7 - 4.9
Grade 10	4.3	3.3 - 5.7
Grade 11	5.6	4.3 - 7.2
Grade 12	8.9	7.2 - 11.0

Females by High School Grade

Percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2017

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	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Percent of female adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Grade 9	5.0	3.5 - 7.3
	Grade 10	4.2	2.7 - 6.5
	Grade 11	8.1	5.7 - 11.4
	Grade 12	13.0	9.8 - 17.0

Non-Hispanic White Female by High School Grade

Percentage of Non-Hispanic White female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2017

[Overview Graph](#)

	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Percent of female Non-Hispanic White adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Grade 9	6.0	3.8 - 9.3
	Grade 10	5.6	3.3 - 9.1
	Grade 11	12.2	8.4 - 17.3
	Grade 12	17.3	12.2 - 23.9

Adults By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	3.6	3.3 - 4.0
	Male	1.7	1.4 - 2.0
	Female	5.6	5.1 - 6.2

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	3.6	3.3 - 4.0
	Non-Hispanic White	5.5	5.0 - 6.1
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.2	0.1 - 0.4
	Hispanic	1.0	0.8 - 1.4

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by age, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	6.2	5.1 - 7.5
	Ages 25+	3.3	2.9 - 3.6

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex and age, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	1.5	0.9 - 2.5
	Males, Ages 25+	1.7	1.4 - 2.0
	Females, Ages 18-24	11.0	9.0 - 13.4
	Females, Ages 25+	4.8	4.3 - 5.4

By Poverty Income Level

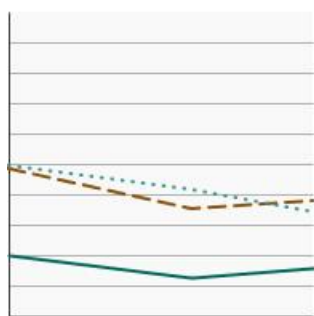
Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by poverty income level, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	2.6	2.2 - 3.0
	>=200% of federal poverty level	4.2	3.7 - 4.6

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 2010-2015

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Most Recent Estimates (2015)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	1.6	1.1 - 2.2
High School	3.8	3.1 - 4.6
Greater than High School	3.4	3.0 - 3.8

By Sun Sensitivity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sun sensitivity, 2010-2015

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Sun-Sensitive	4.5	4.0 - 5.0
Not Sun-Sensitive	3.0	2.6 - 3.5

Sun sensitivity reflects a person's biological response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Although race is related to sun sensitivity, race and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity.

Cancers Related to Indoor Tanning

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Melanoma of the Skin](#)

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on sun-protective behaviors that are effective at lowering risk of skin cancer. Visit the [sun safety on Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal

[Multicomponent community-wide interventions](#) are recommended to prevent skin cancer as well as [education and policy approaches](#).

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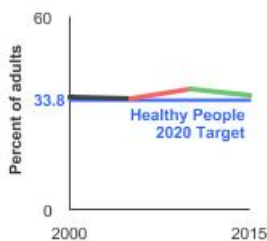
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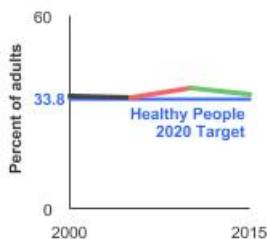
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In 2015, 35.3% of adults aged 18 years and older were sunburned in the past year.



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Introduction

Sunburn, also known as erythema, is caused by excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR), which results in an acute cutaneous inflammatory response. Sunburn results from over exposure to UVR and can occur from use of indoor tanning beds or over exposure to outdoor sunlight. Sunburn symptoms include redness, warmth, tenderness, or edema, and may cause pain or blistering. Annually, over 33,000 sunburns are reported that require emergency room visits and may occur among people of all racial/ethnic groups. Previous sun burning, particularly experienced at younger ages, is a strong predictor of future skin cancer and especially melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. People with sun sensitive skin are more likely to incur sunburn and are at greater risk for skin cancer, especially melanoma, than those with relatively less sun sensitivity. Sun sensitivity reflects a person's characteristic skin response (e.g., a burn, a burn and then tan, etc.) after prolonged sun exposure or after a long period or season of being relatively unexposed. Though related to sun sensitivity, skin color and ethnicity are not adequate proxies for sun sensitivity because they are not accurate biological descriptors of at risk populations.

Measure

The percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who reported having been sunburned in the past 12 months.

The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported having been sunburned in the past 12 months.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- (Developmental) Reduce the proportion of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who report sunburn.
- Reduce to 33.8 percent the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who report at least one sunburn in the past 12 months.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Adolescents: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), 2015-2017.

Adults: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey NCI and CDC co-sponsored Cancer Control Supplement, 2000-2010, 2010-2015.

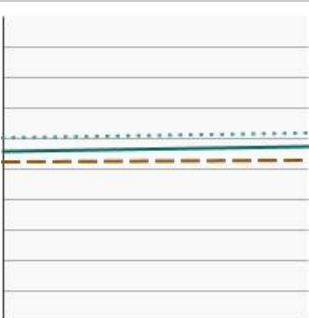
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Adolescents

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By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who were sunburned in the past year by sex, 2015-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	57.2	54.1 - 60.3
	Male	52.8	49.4 - 56.0
	Female	61.6	58.4 - 64.7



By Race/Ethnicity

By High School Grade

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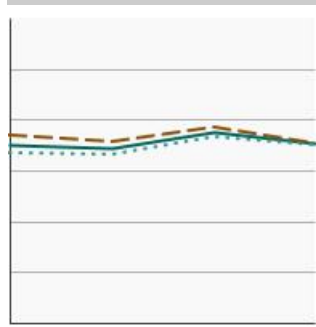
Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by sex, 2000-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015)



Both Sexes



Percent of adults

35.3

95% Confidence Interval

34.4 - 36.2

Male



35.5

34.2 - 36.7

Female



35.2

34.1 - 36.3

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Cancers Related to Sunburn

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Melanoma of the Skin](#)

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on sun-protective behaviors that are effective at lowering risk of skin cancer. Visit the [sun safety on Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) web portal. [Multicomponent community-wide interventions](#) are recommended to prevent skin cancer as well as [education and policy approaches](#).

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Only one measure per topic is displayed in the summary table. A complete set of measures, where they exist, can be found by following the More Information link in the table below.

Legend:

-  green - headed in the right direction
-  red - headed in the wrong direction

black - stable or non-significant change (NSC)
 purple - indeterminate
 blue - Healthy People 2020 target

Measure Name	Survival	Cancer Survivors and Smoking	Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity
Year Range	1975-2012	1992-2018	1997-2018

Measure	Five-year relative cancer survival: The proportion of patients surviving cancer 5 years after diagnosis calculated in the absence of other causes of death. This percentage is the proportion of observed cancer survivors in a cohort of cancer patients relative to the proportion of expected survivors.		Rates of smoking among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they were a current smoker.	The percentage of cancer survivors reporting no physical activity based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they perform light, moderate, or vigorous activity for at least 10 minutes.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising	Falling	Falling	
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012	2014-2018	2014-2018	
Desired Direction	Rising	Falling	Falling	
Summary Graph				
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	For patients diagnosed with cancer in 2012, the 5-year relative survival rate was 69.0%.	In 2018, 11.8% of cancer survivors aged 18 and older were current cigarette smokers.	In 2018, 34.0% of cancer survivors 18 and older report no physical activity in their leisure time.	
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 71.7% the proportion of cancer survivors who are living five years or longer after diagnosis.	Reduce to 12.0% the proportion of adult current cigarette smokers.	Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in physical activity.	
More Information	Survival	Cancer Survivors and Smoking	Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity	
Last Updated	November 2020	March 2020	March 2020	

Measure Name: Survival

Measure Name	Survival
Year Range	1975-2012

Measure	Five-year relative cancer survival: The proportion of patients surviving cancer 5 years after diagnosis calculated in the absence of other causes of death. This percentage is the proportion of observed cancer survivors in a cohort of cancer patients relative to the proportion of expected survivors.	
Recent Summary Trend	Rising	
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012	
Desired Direction	Rising	
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	For patients diagnosed with cancer in 2012, the 5-year relative survival rate was 69.0%.	
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 71.7% the proportion of cancer survivors who are living five years or longer after diagnosis.	
More Information	Survival	

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Weight

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Weight
Year Range	1992-2018

Measure	Rates of obesity among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history, who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.	
Recent Summary Trend	Rising	
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018	
Desired Direction	Falling	
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 31.5% percent of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older were obese.	
Healthy People 2020 Target	Decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.	
More Information	Cancer Survivors and Weight	

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Smoking
Year Range	1992-2018

Measure	Rates of smoking among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they were a current smoker.	
Recent Summary Trend	Falling	
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018	
Desired Direction	Falling	
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 11.8% of cancer survivors aged 18 and older were current cigarette smokers.	

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Smoking
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce to 12.0% the proportion of adult current cigarette smokers.
More Information	Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity
Year Range	1997-2018
Measure	The percentage of cancer survivors reporting no physical activity are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked how often they perform light, moderate, or vigorous activity for at least 10 minutes.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 34.0% of cancer survivors 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.
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Genetic Testing

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Introduction

Genetic testing looks for specific inherited changes in a person's DNA (or genetic mutations) that may increase a person's chance of developing a disease such as cancer. Genetic testing should be considered if personal or family history suggests an inherited cancer risk condition. The test results can help guide a person's future medical care.

A genetic counselor is a health professional who has special training in medical genetics and counseling. Any person who is considering genetic testing should speak with a genetic counselor before deciding whether to be tested. Genetic counselors can also discuss the risks, benefits, and limitations of genetic testing for individuals to help them understand their situation.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase the proportion of women with a family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer who receive genetic counseling to 38.1%.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.


Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey NCI and CDC co-sponsored Cancer Control Supplement, 2005-2015.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Breast and Ovarian Cancer


Percentage of females aged 18 years and older with a family history of breast and/or ovarian cancer who had discussed the possibility of getting a genetic test for cancer risk with a doctor or other health professional¹, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of females	95% Confidence Interval
	Discussed the Possibility of a Genetic Test for Cancer Risk	22.9	12.8 - 37.6

¹ Analysis includes females who met the USPSTF guidelines based on family history of breast and ovarian cancer.

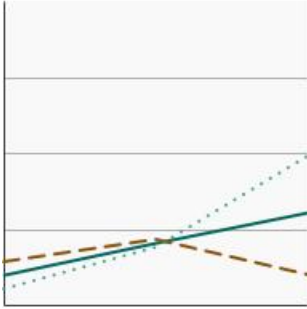
Colorectal Cancer Genetic Counseling

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older with a personal history of colorectal cancer who had discussed the possibility of getting a genetic test for cancer risk with a doctor or other health professional by sex, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults with personal history of colorectal cancer	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	10.3	6.0 - 17.1
	Male	7.6	3.3 - 16.6
	Female	12.6	6.2 - 23.9

Genetic Testing

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older with a personal history of colorectal cancer who had a genetic test for cancer risk by sex, 2005-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults with personal history of colorectal cancer	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	6.1	2.9 - 12.3
	Male	2.0	0.7 - 5.4
	Female	9.8	4.3 - 21.1

Cancers Related to Genetic Testing

Statistical summaries from NCI's [SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets](#):

- [Adrenal Gland](#)
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- [Stomach](#)
- [Thyroid](#)
- [Uterus](#)

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For health professionals

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Tobacco Policy/Regulatory Factors

Effective policy and regulation are necessary to reduce the burden of cancer on the country. Federal law restricts the time, manner, and place of tobacco advertising and promotions because they are known to increase Americans' tobacco use. Federal law also requires state Medicaid programs to make tobacco cessation services available to pregnant women, but an expansion of coverage is needed to make these services available to more people.

- [Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures](#)
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Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures

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Introduction

Tobacco advertising and promotion are causally related to increased tobacco use. Cigarettes are one of the most heavily marketed products in the U.S. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission has reported cigarette sales and marketing expenditures annually since 1967 and smokeless tobacco sales and marketing expenditures periodically since 1987. These reports highlight spending on advertising and promotion by the largest cigarette companies and major smokeless tobacco product manufacturers in the U.S. The sales and marketing expenditures reported include categories such as direct mail, Internet, point of sale, price discounts, coupons, sampling distribution, and sponsorships.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, signed into law on June 22, 2009, provides the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with broad authority to regulate tobacco product marketing. This legislation removes most federal preemption constraints on the ability of states and communities to restrict the time, manner, and place of tobacco advertising and promotions.

Measure

Combined cigarette annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the parent companies of the major manufacturers of cigarettes sold in the U.S., adjusted, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

Combined smokeless tobacco annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the parent companies of the major manufacturers of smokeless tobacco products in the U.S., adjusted, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for reducing tobacco company marketing expenditures.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

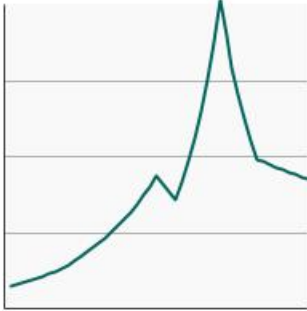
Data Source

Federal Trade Commission Cigarette Report for 2017.

Federal Trade Commission Smokeless Tobacco Report for 2017.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Cigarettes

Domestic cigarette advertising and promotional expenditures by U.S. tobacco companies adjusted to 2017 dollars, 1970-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Dollars spent (in billions)	95% Confidence Interval
	Total Marketing Expenditures	8.6	Not available

Smokeless Tobacco

Domestic smokeless tobacco advertising and promotional expenditures by U.S. tobacco companies adjusted to 2017 dollars, 1985-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Dollars spent (in millions)	95% Confidence Interval
	Total Marketing Expenditures	718.3	Not available

Additional Information on Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures For the public

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Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments

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Introduction

Medicaid enrollees have a higher smoking prevalence than the general population. Smoking-related diseases are a major contributor to Medicaid costs. Providing tobacco users access to evidence-based tobacco dependence treatments can reduce morbidity and mortality from cancers and other tobacco-related diseases and reduce Medicaid costs.

All state Medicaid programs must provide tobacco cessation services (both counseling and pharmacotherapy) for pregnant women under section 4107 of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Additionally, effective January 2014, section 2502 of the ACA barred state Medicaid programs from excluding coverage for cessation medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. However, coverage still varies widely by state. As of June 2018, only 12 states provided comprehensive coverage of all evidence-based cessation treatments (medications, individual and group counseling) for all Medicaid enrollees. Expansion of treatment coverage and eligibility while reducing barriers to treatment access (e.g. copays, duration limits on treatment) are still needed.

Measure

The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for any evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment (pharmacotherapy or counseling), either to their entire Medicaid population or to only pregnant women.

The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for individual or group tobacco cessation counseling. ¹

The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for tobacco cessation medications. ¹

¹ Definitions

Covered: *This service is provided for all individuals enrolled in Medicaid.*

Coverage Varies by Plan: *If fee-for-service and managed care plans provide different coverage of this service, it was classified as "Varies by Plan."*

Pregnant Women Only: *This service is provided only for pregnant women*

Note: *For Both fee-for-service and managed care plans were considered. If a state reported "Not Applicable" for one plan, what was reported for the other plan was used. Otherwise, if the report for fee-for-service and managed care plans did not match, it was classified as "Varies by Plan." If fee-for-service and managed care plans did match, they were classified as such.*

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase comprehensive Medicaid insurance coverage of evidence-based treatment for nicotine dependency in States and the District of Columbia.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates Medicaid Coverage of Cessation Treatments

Medicaid Coverage of at least one tobacco-dependence treatment for at least some enrollees in the 50 states and DC, 1990-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2010)

Number of States **95% Confidence Interval**



Medicaid Coverage of Cessation Treatments

51

Not available

Medicaid Coverage for Group Cessation Counseling

State Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation group counseling by level of coverage, 2008-2018

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Number of U.S. states **95% Confidence Interval**

[Covered](#)

16

Not available

[Pregnant Women Only](#)

1

Not available

[Coverage Varies by Plan](#)

16

Not available

Medicaid Coverage for Individual Cessation Counseling

State Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation individual counseling by level of coverage, 2008-2018

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Number of U.S. states **95% Confidence Interval**

[Covered](#)

36

Not available

[Pregnant Women Only](#)

5

Not available

[Coverage Varies by Plan](#)

10

Not available

Medicaid Coverage for Cessation Aids

State Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation aids by medication availability and level of coverage, 2008-2018

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

Number of U.S. states **95% Confidence Interval**

[Over-the-Counter Aids Covered](#)

50

Not available

[Prescription Aids Covered](#)

51

Not available

[OTC Coverage Varies by Plan](#)

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Not available

[Prescription Coverage Varies by Plan](#)

0

Not available

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Secondhand Smoke

Secondhand smoke (SHS) is a mixture of the side stream smoke released by a smoldering cigarette, pipe, hookah/waterpipe, or cigar, and the mainstream smoke exhaled by a smoker. SHS is a complex mixture containing thousands of chemicals, including formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide, ammonia, and nicotine. More than 250 of the chemicals in SHS are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer. Conclusive scientific evidence documents that SHS causes premature death and disease in children and adults who do not smoke. Exposure to SHS by adults has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, and long-term exposure to SHS causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. Children exposed to SHS are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, acute respiratory infections, middle ear disease, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, and slowed lung growth.

Secondhand aerosol is a mixture of chemicals in the aerosol exhaled by e-cigarette users. Some of the chemicals found in SHS are also present in secondhand aerosol. Although these levels are lower than in secondhand smoke, exposure is not risk-free. Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol may contain heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and fine and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deeply into the lungs by both users and bystanders. Secondhand aerosol is often incorrectly referred to as "vapor".

- [Secondhand Smoke Exposure](#)
- [Smokefree Home Rules](#)
- [Smokefree Workplace Rules and Laws](#)

Secondhand Smoke Exposure

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Introduction

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There is no risk-free level of exposure to SHS, and only eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to SHS. Exposure to SHS among nonsmokers can be assessed by measurement of cotinine, a metabolite of nicotine. While cotinine levels may vary by individual due to the speed of nicotine metabolism and cotinine clearance, detection of cotinine above a minimum threshold is a validated measure of exposure to SHS in nonsmokers.

Measure

The percentage of nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke. (The percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older with a serum cotinine level greater than 0.05 ng/mL and less than or equal to 10 ng/mL.)

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the proportion of children aged 3 to 11 years who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke to 47 percent.
- Reduce the proportion of adolescents aged 12 to 17 years who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke to 41 percent.
- Reduce the proportion of adults exposed to secondhand smoke to 33.8 percent.

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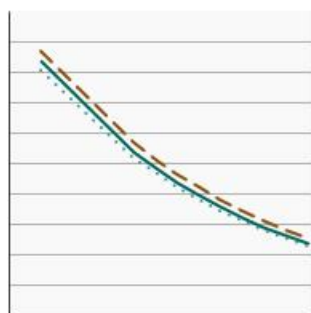
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. "Secondhand smoke exposure" measure.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by sex, 1988-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	25.4	22.0 - 28.8
Male	24.8	20.3 - 29.2
Female	25.9	23.0 - 28.9

¹The 1988-1994 estimate starts at age 4 instead of age 3.

²As measured by a serum cotinine level of greater than 0.05 ng/ml and less than or equal to 10 ng/ml.

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by race/ethnicity, 1988-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	25.4	22.0 - 28.8
Non-Hispanic White	24.0	19.4 - 28.6
Non-Hispanic Black	45.0	39.8 - 50.1
Hispanic	20.9	17.4 - 24.4

¹The 1988-1994 estimate starts at age 4 instead of age 3.

²As measured by a serum cotinine level of greater than 0.05 ng/ml and less than or equal to 10 ng/ml.

By Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by age, 1988-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 3-11	38.2	33.6 - 42.7
Ages 12-17	32.7	28.3 - 37.2
Ages 18+	22.3	19.0 - 25.7

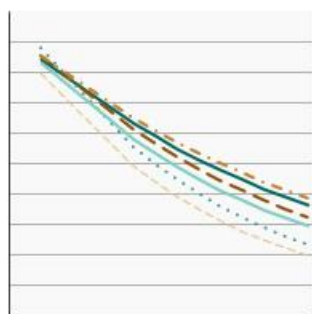
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By Sex and Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by sex and age, 1988-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Males, Ages 3-11	36.6	31.2 - 42.1
Males, Ages 12-17	35.0	27.5 - 42.4
Males, Ages 18+	21.5	17.0 - 26.0
Females, Ages 3-11	39.8	34.8 - 44.7
Females, Ages 12-17	30.4	25.6 - 35.2
Females, Ages 18+	23.0	20.0 - 25.9

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Adults by Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 18 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by age, 1988-2016

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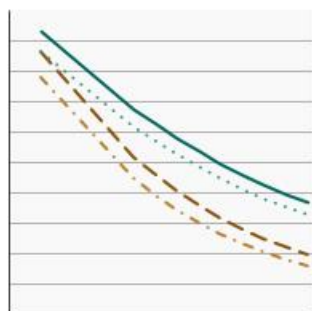
	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 18-29	34.8	29.4 - 40.2
Ages 30+	18.9	15.4 - 22.3

¹As measured by a serum cotinine level of greater than 0.05 ng/ml and less than or equal to 10 ng/ml.

Adults by Sex and Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 18 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by sex and age, 1988-2016

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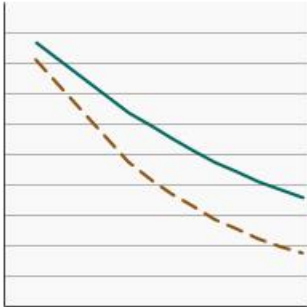
Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Males, Ages 18-29	34.2	26.4 - 41.9
Males, Ages 30+	18.0	13.3 - 22.7
Females, Ages 18-29	35.4	31.1 - 39.7
Females, Ages 30+	19.5	16.3 - 22.7

¹As measured by a serum cotinine level of greater than 0.05 ng/ml and less than or equal to 10 ng/ml.

By Poverty Income Level


Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by poverty income level, 1988-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	36.3	30.6 - 42.0
	>=200% of federal poverty level	18.6	15.1 - 22.2

¹As measured by a serum cotinine level of greater than 0.05 ng/ml and less than or equal to 10 ng/ml.

By Education Level

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 25 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by highest level of education obtained, 1988-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	25.2	18.3 - 32.0
	High School	33.4	27.5 - 39.2
	Greater than High School	16.3	13.1 - 19.5

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Smokefree Home Rules

Data Up to Date as of:

March 2020

Introduction

Many individuals and families, including both smokers and non-smokers, have adopted voluntary smokefree rules for their homes, reflecting a change in community social norms. For children, smoking in the home is the main source of exposure to SHS. Studies have found that adoption of smokefree home rules is a significant predictor of smoking cessation success. To protect non-smokers living within public housing, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development has adopted a rule making all public housing smokefree. This rule was implemented in July 2018.

Secondhand smoke (SHS) is a mixture of the side stream smoke released by a smoldering cigarette, pipe, hookah/waterpipe, or cigar, and the mainstream smoke exhaled by a smoker. SHS is a complex mixture containing thousands of chemicals, including formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide, ammonia, and nicotine. More than 250 of the chemicals in SHS are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer. Conclusive scientific evidence documents that SHS causes premature death and disease in children and adults who do not smoke. Exposure to SHS by adults has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, and long-term exposure to SHS causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. Children exposed to SHS are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, acute respiratory infections, middle ear disease, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, and slowed lung growth.

There is no risk-free level of exposure to SHS, and only eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to SHS. Due to shared ventilation ducts and other related airborne conduits, SHS exposure may occur within multi-unit housing by smoke drifting to the homes of non-smokers.

Measure

The percentage of respondents reporting a smokefree home.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase the proportion of smokefree homes to 87 percent.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

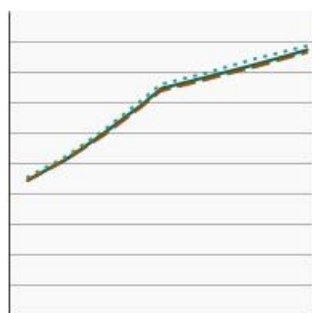
National Cancer Institute. Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Supplement for “home smokefree policies” measures.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree home environment by sex, 1992-2015

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Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	86.8	(86.5 - 87.0)
Male	85.7	(85.3 - 86.0)
Female	87.8	(87.5 - 88.1)

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree home environment by race/ethnicity, 1992-2015

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	86.8	(86.5 - 87.0)
Non-Hispanic White	86.3	(86.0 - 86.6)
Non-Hispanic Black	81.5	(80.7 - 82.2)
Hispanic	90.9	(90.2 - 91.5)

By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree home environment by age, 1992-2015

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 18-24	85.8	(84.8 - 86.7)
Ages 25+	86.9	(86.7 - 87.1)

By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree home environment by sex and age, 1992-2015

[Overview Graph](#)




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Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males, ages 18-24	83.8	(82.4 - 85.1)
Males, ages 25+	85.9	(85.6 - 86.2)
Females, ages 18-24	87.8	(86.7 - 88.7)
Females, ages 25+	87.8	(87.5 - 88.1)


By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree home environment by poverty income level, 1998-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	< 200% of the federal poverty level	80.1	(79.6 - 80.6)
	>= 200% of the federal poverty level	90.3	(90.1 - 90.6)

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older reporting a smokefree home environment by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	78.8	(77.9 - 79.7)
	High School	82.0	(81.5 - 82.5)
	Greater than High School	90.1	(89.9 - 90.4)

Cancers Related to Smokefree Home Rules

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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Smokefree Workplace Rules and Laws

Data Up to Date as of:

March 2020

Introduction

As of October 1, 2019, 36 states, along with the District of Columbia, and 5 U.S. territories have adopted comprehensive smokefree policies that include workplaces, restaurants, bars and state run-gambling establishments. There are an additional 1,085 cities and counties with laws that require non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants and bars to be smokefree.

E-cigarettes (also known as vapes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) are battery-powered devices that convert a liquid (“e-liquid”) into an aerosol. E-liquids typically contains nicotine, flavorings, vegetable glycerin, propylene glycol and other chemicals. Besides nicotine, e-cigarette aerosol may contain heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, and fine and ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deeply into the lungs by both users and by-standers. States and localities are increasingly incorporating prohibition of e-cigarette use [into comprehensive smokefree air laws](#). As of January 2, 2020, 19 states, 929 municipalities, and three U.S. territories have prohibited the use of e-cigarettes in 100% [smokefree locations](#). Secondhand smoke (SHS) is a mixture of the side stream smoke released by a smoldering cigarette, pipe, hookah/waterpipe, or cigar, and the mainstream smoke exhaled by a smoker. SHS is a complex mixture containing thousands of chemicals, including formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide, ammonia, and nicotine. More than 250 of the chemicals in SHS are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer. Conclusive scientific evidence documents that SHS causes premature death and disease in children and adults who do not smoke. Exposure to SHS by adults has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system, and long-term exposure to SHS causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. Children exposed to SHS are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, acute respiratory infections, middle ear disease, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, and slowed lung growth.

There is no risk-free level of exposure to SHS, and only eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to SHS. Today, comprehensive smokefree laws, covering public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars are increasingly the norm. Additionally, smokefree policies may now extend to private spaces, including cars and multi-unit housing.

Measure

The percentage of indoor workers reporting a smokefree work environment.

The percentage of the population protected by local and state smokefree indoor air laws covering workplaces, restaurants, and bars. This measure draws on data collected and analyzed by the Americans for Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation. Use of this information allows the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to include both local and state laws in its assessments.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase the proportion of persons covered by indoor worksite policies that prohibit smoking to 100 percent.
- Increase the number of jurisdictions (states and Washington, D.C.) with smokefree indoor air laws that prohibit smoking in public places and worksites to 51.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

National Cancer Institute. [Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Supplement for “work place smokefree policies” measures](#).

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates Smokefree Workplace Rules By Sex

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree work environment by sex, 1992-2015

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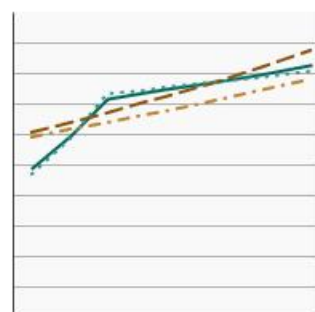


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)	
	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	80.2	79.7 - 80.6
Male	77.6	76.9 - 78.2
Female	82.5	82.0 - 83.0

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree work environment by race/ethnicity, 1992-2015

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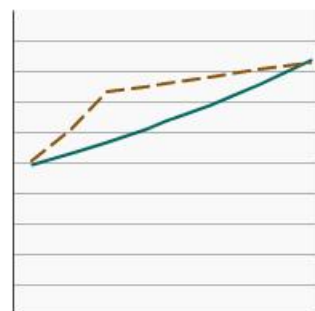


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All Races	80.2	79.7 - 80.6
Non-Hispanic White	81.8	81.3 - 82.3
Non-Hispanic Black	78.5	77.0 - 79.9
Hispanic	74.1	72.4 - 75.7

By Age

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree work environment by age, 1992-2015

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)	
	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 18-24	75.1	73.5 - 76.7
Ages 25+	80.9	80.4 - 81.3

By Sex and Age

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree work environment by sex and age, 1992-2015

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Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2014 to 2015)	
	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
Males, ages 18-24	72.0	69.7 - 74.2
Males, ages 25+	78.3	77.7 - 79.0
Females, ages 18-24	77.8	75.7 - 79.8
Females, ages 25+	83.2	82.7 - 83.7

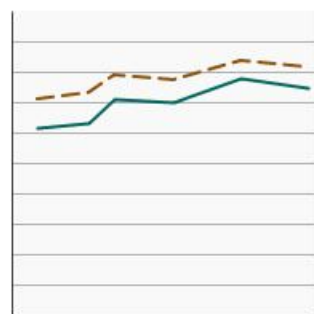
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Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smokefree work environment by poverty income level, 1998-2015

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	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
<u>< 200% of the federal poverty level</u>	74.8	73.7 - 75.9
<u>>= 200% of the federal poverty level</u>	81.7	81.2 - 82.3

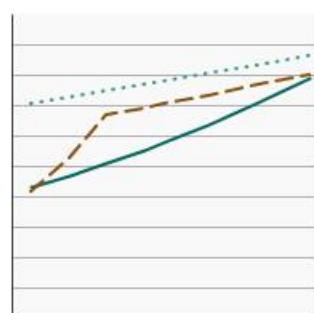
By Education Level

Percentage of workers aged 25 years and older reporting a smokefree work environment by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2015

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Detailed Trend Graphs

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	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
<u>Less than High School</u>	69.1	66.9 - 71.3
<u>High School</u>	76.4	75.4 - 77.4
<u>Greater than High School</u>	83.0	82.5 - 83.5

Indoor Air Laws

Percentage of population protected by local and state 100% smokefree indoor air laws, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval
	Workplaces	73.9	Not available
	Restaurants	77.6	Not available
	Bars	66.2	Not available

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Chemical and Environmental Exposures

Exposure to carcinogens that exist as chemical pollutants or radioactive gas in our air, food, water, and soil, also influence the incidence of cancer. Most exposure to toxic chemical substances and hazardous wastes results from human activities, particularly through agricultural and industrial production. Chemicals were selected for inclusion in this report based on the following set of criteria: (1) likely or probable carcinogen as classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classification (Group 1 or 2A), (2) available biomarker data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) since 2004, and (3) ubiquitous (i.e. >50% with detectable levels) in the U.S. general population (based on NHANES data). Most exposures to radioactive gases result from the naturally occurring breakdown of certain elements in rocks, soil, and water. The most common of these is radon, which is the second leading cause of lung cancer and has been included in this report.

- [Arsenic](#)
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Methodology for Chemical Exposures

This report includes the R function “svyquantile” from the R Package “survey” to estimate the percentiles and their confidence limits. Based on the [Confidence Intervals for Medians and Other Position Measures](#) article, published in the *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, and the [Confidence Intervals for Proportions with Small Expected Number of Positive Counts Estimates from Survey Data](#) article, published in the journal *Survey Methodology*, the researchers chose the “betaWald” interval option. To test whether there is statistically significant difference between the estimated percentiles obtained from different survey years, they used the “svyranktest” R function from the same package. For more details on the applicable R functions, see the [Analysis of Complex Survey Samples](#) by Thomas Lumley.

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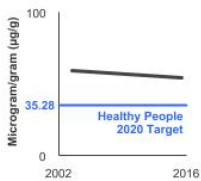
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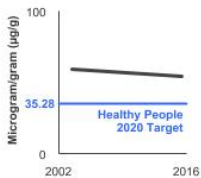
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In 2015 to 2016, the 95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentration of arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older was 45.8 µg/g.



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Introduction

Arsenic is a tasteless, odorless element in the environment that can be found naturally in rocks and soil, water, air, and in plants and animals. It can also be released into the environment from some agricultural and industrial sources.

Arsenic is usually part of chemical compounds, including inorganic compounds (combined with oxygen, iron, chlorine, and sulfur), and organic compounds (combined with carbon and other atoms).

Inorganic arsenic compounds are found in industry, in building products (in some “pressure-treated” woods), and in arsenic-contaminated water. Soil and water contamination also can occur as a result of mining and smelting activities. Past use of arsenic-containing herbicides has resulted in soil contamination and some food crops grown in these soils take up the arsenic. Inorganic arsenic compounds are more toxic than organic arsenic compounds, and inorganic arsenic has been strongly linked to cancer of the bladder, lungs, and skin. Additionally, inorganic arsenic has been linked to some types of kidney cancers, as well as liver and intrahepatic bile duct and prostate cancers.

We typically take in small amounts of inorganic arsenic in the food we eat (in particular, rice and fish), the water we drink, and the air we breathe. Arsenic also is present in tobacco smoke. People may be exposed to higher levels of arsenic at work in certain industries, but such exposures are now rare in the United States. People may also be exposed to greater amounts of arsenic if they live near current or former industrial or agricultural sources of arsenic, live in areas where arsenic is naturally high in drinking water, or eat a lot of seafood (although the organic form predominantly found in seafood is likely to be much less harmful). A major dietary source of inorganic arsenic includes rice and rice products.

Both short- and long-term exposure to arsenic can cause health problems. Breathing in high levels of arsenic may cause a sore throat and irritated lungs. Swallowing high levels of arsenic can be fatal. Exposure to lower levels of arsenic over longer periods of time can result in liver and kidney damage. Moreover, arsenic and cigarette smoking exposure act synergistically to increase the incidence of lung cancer.

Measure

We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [\[Citation\]](#)

To calculate whether the differences between 95th percentiles for two different time points is statistically significant, we used a different statistical methodology than that used by the National Center for Environmental Health, who publishes the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals from where our data are derived. Our estimates may differ slightly from those in the original report due to differences in statistical procedures used. [\[Methodology\]](#)

Healthy People 2020 Target

Level of urinary total arsenic (creatinine corrected) for 95 percent of the population aged 6 years and older to below 35.28 µg/g of creatinine.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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Total Arsenic Exposure

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By Sex

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	45.8	32.2 - 65.4
	Male	43.3	30.4 - 63.5
	Female	48.2	31.6 - 71.7

By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	45.8	32.2 - 65.4
	Non-Hispanic White	33.6	25.2 - 62.1
	Non-Hispanic Black	41.1	29.1 - 71.4
	Hispanic	39.5	27.1 - 61.2

By Age

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by age, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 6-11	27.3	21.8 - 40.6
	Ages 12-19	22.1	15.4 - 30.8
	Ages 20+	56.1	36.8 - 74.8

By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by poverty income level, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	< 200% of the federal poverty level	42.8	31.1 - 61.1
	>= 200% of the federal poverty level	47.6	30.7 - 77.6

By Education Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among adults aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	66.1	35.7 - 121.9
	High School	41.1	23.5 - 82.7
	Greater than High School	56.2	33.4 - 90.0

By Smoking Status

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among adults aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	Non-Smoker	56.8	39.1 - 84.0
	Smoker	31.0	28.1 - 58.7

Inorganic Arsenic Exposure

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By Sex

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of inorganic-related arsenic species among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	16.2	14.3 - 18.0
	Male	13.7	11.9 - 16.7
	Female	17.3	15.5 - 20.4

By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of inorganic-related arsenic species among persons aged 6 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2003-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	16.2	14.3 - 18.0
	Non-Hispanic White	12.4	11.2 - 15.5
	Non-Hispanic Black	13.7	11.8 - 16.1
	Hispanic	16.4	14.2 - 17.8

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Introduction

Benzene is an organic chemical that is colorless and has a sweet odor. It is highly flammable, and evaporates quickly when exposed to air. Benzene is formed through natural processes, such as volcanoes and forest fires, and is present in crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke. Most exposure to benzene results from human activities. Benzene use in materials and to adjust fuel octane levels has been minimized, resulting in reduced benzene exposure among non-smokers. Cigarette smoking has been shown to be the primary exposure source of benzene blood levels in the U.S., with some benzene exposure in non-smokers attributable to secondhand smoke exposure. The chemical also is widely used as a component of plastics, rubber, resins, and synthetic fabrics, as well as an additive in motor fuels and as a solvent in printing, paints, and dry cleaning, and for other purposes. Benzene is also used in the manufacture of detergents, explosives, pharmaceuticals, and dyestuffs. Benzene has been identified as a cause of acute non-lymphocytic leukemia, including acute myeloid leukemia (AML) in adults. The [Carcinogenicity of Benzene](#) article, published in the journal *The Lancet Oncology*, provides evidence that benzene might be related to other myeloid and certain lymphoid malignancies.

The main way people are exposed is by breathing in air containing benzene—in emissions from burning coal and oil, motor vehicle exhaust, and evaporation from gasoline tanks and service stations and in industrial solvents. It is estimated that about half of the exposure to benzene in the United States results from smoking tobacco or from exposure to tobacco smoke. It can also be absorbed through the skin during contact with a source such as gasoline, but because liquid benzene evaporates quickly, this is less common.

Measure

We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. For more information, see the [2009 Fourth National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals](#), published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

To calculate whether the differences between 95th percentiles for two different time points is statistically significant, we used a different [statistical methodology](#) than that used by the National Center for Environmental Health, who publishes the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals from where our data are derived. Our estimates may differ slightly from those in the original report due to differences in statistical procedures used.

Healthy People 2020 Target

There are no Healthy People 2020 targets regarding benzene.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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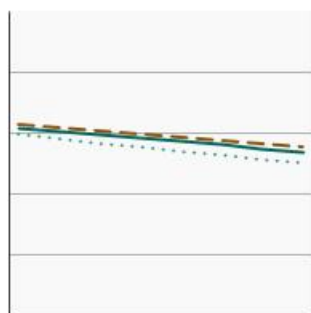
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By Sex

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among adults aged 20 years and older by sex, 2001-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	0.3	0.2 - 0.3
Male	0.3	0.2 - 0.3
Female	0.2	0.2 - 0.3

By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among adults aged 20 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2001-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)

	Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	0.3	0.2 - 0.3
Non-Hispanic White	0.3	0.2 - 0.3
Non-Hispanic Black	0.3	0.3 - 0.4
Hispanic	0.2	0.1 - 0.2

By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among adults aged 20 years and older by poverty income level, 2001-2016

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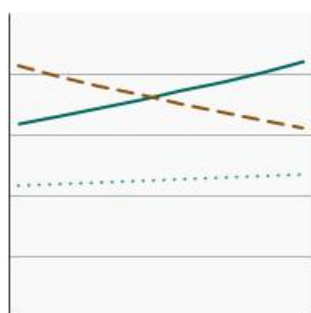
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	Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
< 200% of the federal poverty level	0.3	0.3 - 0.4
>= 200% of the federal poverty level	0.2	0.2 - 0.3

By Education Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among adults aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 2001-2016

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

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	Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	0.4	0.3 - 0.5
High School	0.4	0.2 - 0.5
Greater than High School	0.2	0.2 - 0.2

By Smoking Status

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among adults aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 2001-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Dependent Variable	95% Confidence Interval
	Non-Smoker	0.1	0.1 - 0.1
	Smoker	0.6	0.5 - 0.8

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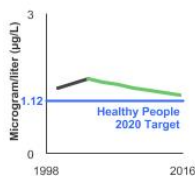
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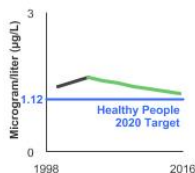
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In 2015 to 2016, 95th percentile for the blood concentration of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older was 1.2 µg/L.



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Introduction

Cadmium is an element found in low concentrations in the earth's crust. It is usually found as a mineral combined with other elements such as oxygen (cadmium oxide), chlorine (cadmium chloride), or sulfur (cadmium sulfate, cadmium sulfide).

All soils and rocks, including coal and mineral fertilizers, contain some cadmium. Most cadmium used in the United States is extracted during the production of other metals like zinc, lead, and copper. Cadmium has many uses, including in the production of batteries, pigments, metal coatings, and plastics.

Cadmium and its compounds are highly toxic and exposure is known to cause cancer. It is primarily associated with human lung, prostate, and kidney cancers, and recently pancreatic cancer. It has also been associated with cancers of the breast and urinary bladder.

The general population may be exposed to small amounts of cadmium daily through food, tobacco smoke (as active or secondhand smoke), drinking water, and air. Cadmium is introduced to the food chain through agricultural soils, which may naturally contain cadmium, or from anthropogenic (human) sources, from cadmium-based pigments, and stabilizers used in certain plastics. While dietary sources can be sporadic, intake from tobacco occurs with each cigarette smoked and can proceed for decades resulting in accumulation of metals like cadmium in the body. Cadmium levels are expected to be low in drinking water and ambient air except in the vicinity of cadmium-emitting industries or incinerators.

Occupational exposure to cadmium primarily occurs in operations involving heating cadmium-containing products. Occupations with the highest potential for exposure include alloy production, battery production, pigment production and use, plastics production, and smelting and refining. Although levels vary widely among the different industries, occupational exposures generally have decreased since the 1970s.

Measure

We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [\[Citation\]](#)

To calculate whether the differences between 95th percentiles for two different time points is statistically significant, we used a different statistical methodology than that used by the National Center for Environmental Health, who publishes the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals from where our data are derived. Our estimates may differ slightly from those in the original report due to differences in statistical procedures used. [\[Methodology\]](#)

Healthy People 2020 Target

Level of cadmium in blood samples for 95 percent of the population aged 1 year and older to below 1.12 µg/L.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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95th percentile for blood concentrations (µg/L) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by sex, 1999-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Microgram/liter (µg/L)	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	1.2	1.1 - 1.4
	Male	1.2	1.0 - 1.4
	Female	1.2	1.1 - 1.4

By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for blood concentrations (µg/L) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by race/ethnicity, 1999-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Microgram/liter (µg/L)	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	1.2	1.1 - 1.4
	Non-Hispanic White	1.3	1.0 - 1.4
	Non-Hispanic Black	1.4	1.1 - 2.0
	Hispanic	0.8	0.6 - 1.1

By Age

95th percentile for blood concentrations (µg/L) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by age, 1999-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015 to 2016)	
		Microgram/liter (µg/L)	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 1-5	0.2	0.2 - 0.2
	Ages 6-11	0.2	0.2 - 0.2
	Ages 12-19	0.3	0.3 - 0.5
	Ages 20+	1.3	1.2 - 1.5

By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations (µg/L) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by poverty income level, 1999-2016

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	Microgram/liter (µg/L)	95% Confidence Interval
< 200% of the federal poverty level	1.3	1.2 - 1.5
>= 200% of the federal poverty level	1.1	0.8 - 1.4

By Education Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations (µg/L) of cadmium among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2016

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	Microgram/liter (µg/L)	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	1.7	1.4 - 2.1
High School	1.4	1.2 - 1.8
Greater than High School	1.2	0.9 - 1.4

By Smoking Status

95th percentile for blood concentrations (µg/L) of cadmium among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 1999-2016

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	Microgram/liter (µg/L)	95% Confidence Interval
Non-Smoker	0.7	0.6 - 0.8
Smoker	2.5	2.2 - 3.0

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Nitrate

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Introduction

Nitrates and nitrites are nitrogen-oxygen chemical units that naturally occur in soil, water, and some foods. When taken into the body by drinking water and through other dietary sources, nitrate and nitrite can react with amines and amides to form N-nitroso compounds (NOC), which are known to cause cancer in animals and may cause cancer in humans. Excessive nitrate or nitrite exposure can also result in acute acquired methemoglobinemia, a blood abnormality that causes blood to lose its ability to carry oxygen to tissues (anoxia). This is especially dangerous in infants younger than 4 months of age.

The biggest source of nitrate exposure is dietary consumption of certain types of vegetables which are naturally high in nitrate. However, these vegetables also contain compounds that prevent the formation of NOCs. Studies assessing connections between nitrate and cancer in humans have focused on excess exposure from drinking water or food grown in areas where use of nitrogen-based fertilizers is common. Some of the highest levels of nitrate have been measured in shallow wells and surface water supplies that are subject to runoff from nitrogen fertilizers and confined animal feedlot operations and resulting excrement and contamination from leaking septic tanks and sewage. In addition, workers who manufacture these fertilizers can have high exposures to dusts that contain nitrate. Oral tobacco also may contribute to nitrate intake, but is minor compared to diet or contaminated drinking water.

Studies have shown increased risks of colon, kidney, and stomach cancer among people with higher ingestion of water nitrate and higher meat intake compared with low intakes of both, a dietary pattern that results in increased NOC formation. Other studies have shown modest evidence that higher nitrate intake can increase the risk of thyroid cancer and ovarian cancer among women.

Measure

We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation] To calculate whether the differences between 95th percentiles for two different time points is statistically significant, we used a different statistical methodology than that used by the National Center for Environmental Health, who publishes the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals from where our data are derived. Our estimates may differ slightly from those in the original report due to differences in statistical procedures used. [Methodology]

Healthy People 2020 Target

There are no Healthy People 2020 targets regarding nitrate.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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By Sex

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2001-2014

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013 to 2014)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	123.3	116.4 - 134.8
	Male	110.0	99.3 - 127.9
	Female	134.7	116.7 - 154.5

By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2001-2014

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013 to 2014)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	123.3	116.4 - 134.8
	Non-Hispanic White	121.2	108.6 - 134.2
	Non-Hispanic Black	87.1	76.5 - 95.4
	Hispanic	126.1	105.4 - 136.0

By Age

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by age, 2001-2014

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013 to 2014)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 6-11	157.9	109.9 - 230.0
	Ages 12-19	84.5	72.4 - 107.9
	Ages 20+	123.2	113.0 - 137.7

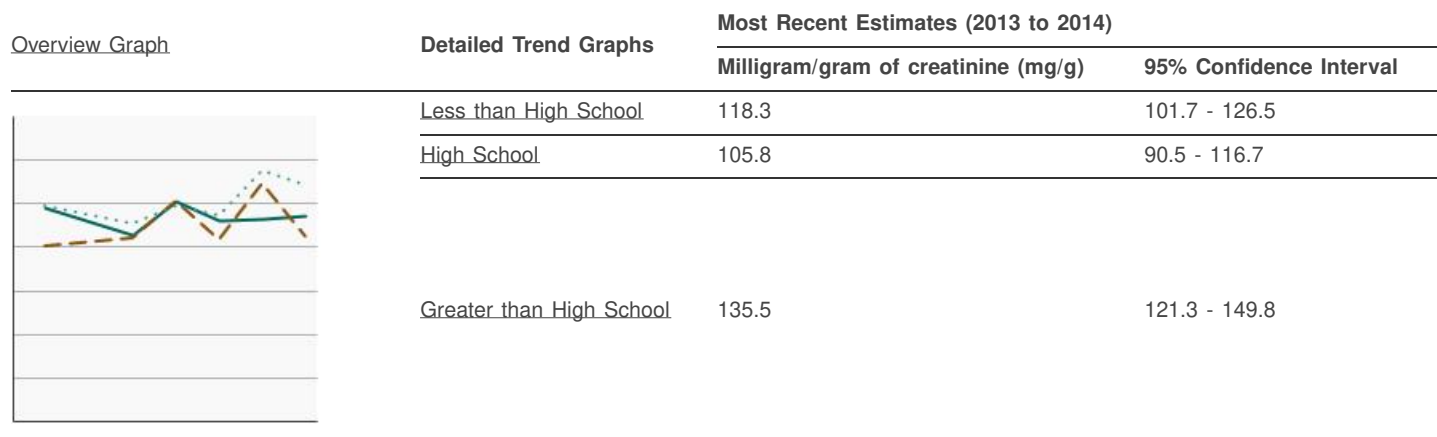
By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by poverty income level, 2001-2014

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013 to 2014)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	≤200% of the federal poverty level	117.0	105.4 - 155.9
	≥200% of the federal poverty level	123.4	118.3 - 135.5

By Education Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 2001-2014



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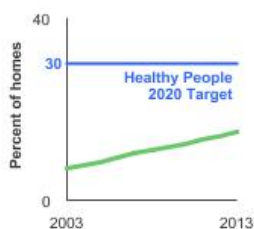
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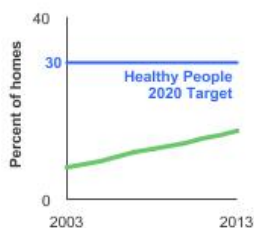
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In 2013, 15.0% homes at risk for radon exposure had an operating radon mitigation system.



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Introduction

Radon is a radioactive gas that comes from the natural breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water. Radon has no smell or taste and cannot be seen. It can be found all over the United States, in every state. Radon can get into any type of building where there is

naturally occurring radon in the ground. When buildings have high levels of radon in the air, people can breathe air containing radon which can cause lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking tobacco. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Most people are exposed to radon primarily in their homes since that is where people spend most of their time. Homes can be tested for radon. If high levels of radon are detected, there are ways to lower radon levels in a home. New homes can be built with radon-resistant features. These features can reduce radon entry, and can make it easier and less expensive to lower radon levels if necessary.

Measure

The proportion of homes with an operating radon mitigation system for persons living in homes at risk for radon exposure. This measure is expressed as a percentage. It is calculated for each year by dividing the cumulative number of single family dwellings (SFD) with an operating mitigation system by the number of SFDs estimated to have a radon level $\geq 4\text{pCi/L}$, which is EPA's action level. The number of SFDs with an operating mitigation system is calculated based on the gross number of radon vent fans sold for a given year adjusted for longevity by subtracting the fans installed 11 years before, assuming the useful life of a fan is 10 years, and assuming one fan per SFD. The number of fans sold is based on radon vent fan sales data from three major fan manufacturers that represent over 90 percent of the market. More information available on the Healthy People 2020 [website](#).

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase the proportion of homes with an operating radon mitigation system for persons living in homes at risk for radon exposure.

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Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

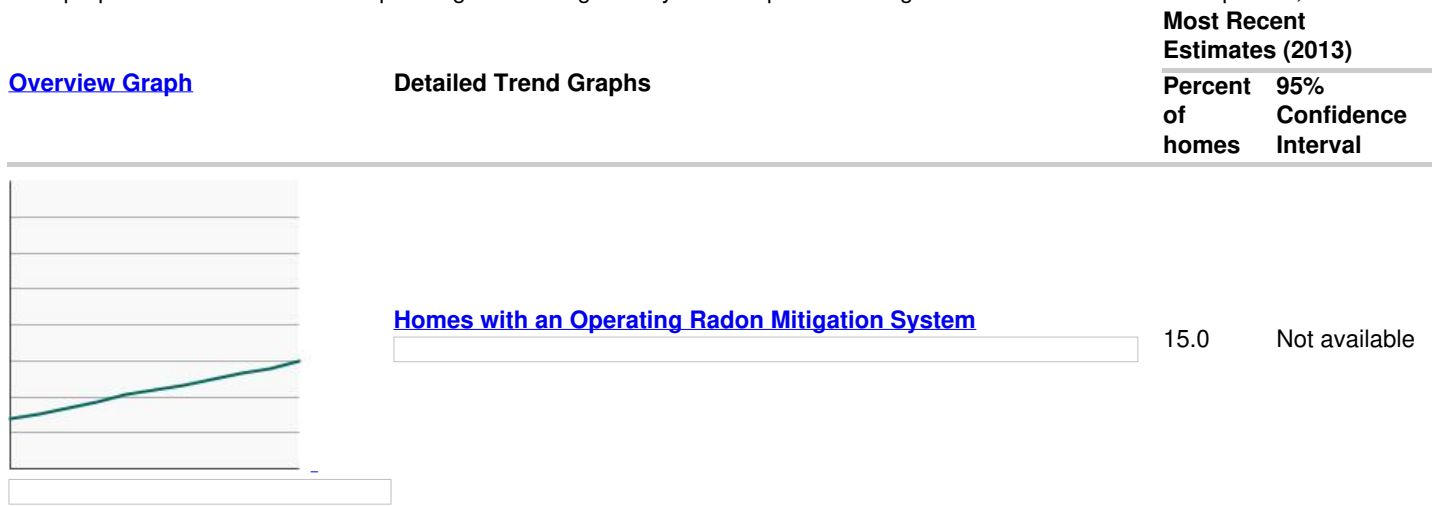
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Radon Vent Fan Manufacturers' Sales Data (<https://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/data-source/homes-with-radon-mitigation-systems>)

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Homes with an Operating Radon Mitigation System

The proportion of homes with an operating radon mitigation system for persons living in homes at risk for radon exposure, 2003-2013



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Early Detection

The use of screening tests to detect cancers early provides better opportunities for patients to obtain more effective treatment with fewer side effects. Patients whose cancers are found early and treated in a timely manner are more likely to survive these cancers than are those whose cancers are not found until symptoms appear.

While there are clear benefits to screening, screening tests also carry risk. Not all screening tests are helpful and most have risks. It is important to know the risks associated with the test and whether it has been shown to improve one's chances of surviving cancer.

This section describes trends in the use of breast, cervical, colorectal, and lung screening tests, which have been found to detect cancers accurately for specified age groups and can increase chances of survival.

- [Breast Cancer Screening](#)
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This section also describes trends in prostate screening tests; however, the highest grade assigned to prostate cancer screening by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) is a grade C, meaning that, for men aged 55 to 69 years, the decision to undergo periodic prostate-specific antigen (PSA)-based screening for prostate cancer should be an individual one, and that before deciding whether to be screened, men should have an opportunity to discuss the potential benefits and harms of screening with their clinician.

- [Prostate Cancer Screening](#)

Breast Cancer Screening

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Introduction

Mammography screening uses an x-ray of the breast to look for tumors in women who don't have symptoms. This screening method allows for the earlier detection of breast cancer, which, when followed by timely treatment, can help reduce deaths due to the disease. In part because age is the most important risk factor for breast cancer, women aged 60 to 69 years are likely to derive the greatest absolute benefit from screening. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that women aged 50 to 74 years receive a mammogram every 2 years, and that women aged 40 to 49 years make an individual decision regarding screening.

Measure

The percentage of women aged 50 to 74 years who reported having had a mammogram within the past 2 years, by race/ethnicity, income, and education level.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 81.1 percent the proportion of women aged 50 to 74 years who have received a breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

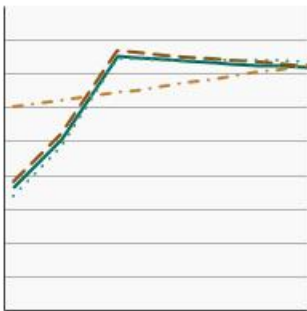
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Percent of females aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by race/ethnicity, 1987-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	72.8	71.3 - 74.2
	Non-Hispanic White	73.1	71.4 - 74.7
	Non-Hispanic Black	73.8	69.1 - 77.9
	Hispanic	71.5	66.5 - 76.0

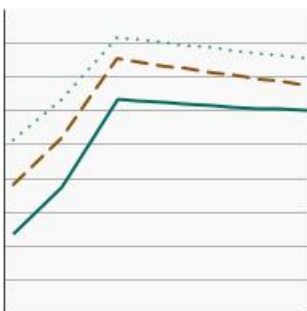
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Percent of females aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by poverty income level, 1998-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	61.1	57.9 - 64.2
	>=200% of federal poverty level	76.7	75.1 - 78.3

By Education Level

Percent of females aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	63.4	58.3 - 68.2
	High School	69.2	66.2 - 72.1
	Greater than High School	76.3	74.6 - 78.0

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on breast cancer screening to allow for the prioritization of cancer control efforts and the development, implementation and evaluation of cancer control plans. State and local level breast cancer data, research-tested interventions, state plans, discussions and more are available on [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. – breast cancer](#).

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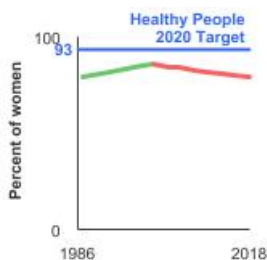
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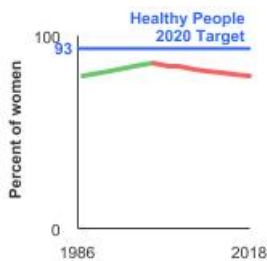
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In 2018, 81.1% of women aged 21-65 were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening.



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Introduction

Screening methods used to find cervical changes that may lead to cervical cancer include the Pap test and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing. Such screening tests may find cancers earlier, when they are more easily treated. Women who have never been screened face the greatest risk of developing invasive cervical cancer.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for cervical cancer with the Pap test alone every 3 years in women aged 21 to 29 years. In women aged 30 to 65 years, the USPSTF recommends the Pap test alone every 3 years or HPV testing, with or without Pap co-testing, every 5 years.

Screening can reduce deaths due to cervical cancer; although the percentage of women aged 18 years and older who reported they had a screening test within the past 3 years is relatively high, certain groups of women in the United States are less likely than others to be screened. A number of factors have been associated with lower rates of cervical cancer screening, including low income, less education, and a lack of health insurance. Studies have also shown that women who have had a medical visit in the last year are more likely to have received cervical cancer screening.

Measure

The percentage of women aged 21 to 65 years who were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening. For 2013 and before, up-to-date was defined as having a Pap test within the past 3 years. For 2014-2018, up-to-date is defined as having a Pap test within the past 3 years with or without an HPV test in the past 5 years (for women aged 30 to 65 years).

Note: Starting in 2018, up-to-date on cervical screening was additionally defined as having an HPV test alone in the past 5 years in women aged 30 to 65 years. The data source used for this measure only asks about HPV tests administered at the time of a Pap test; therefore, the HPV test alone criteria cannot be measured.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 93 percent the proportion of women aged 21 to 65 years who received cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 1987–2018.

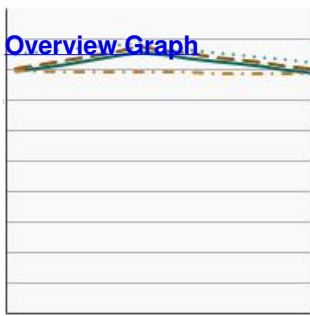
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By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 21-65 years who were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening by race/ethnicity, 1987-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	81.1	80.0 - 82.2
	Non-Hispanic White	81.5	80.2 - 82.8
	Non-Hispanic Black	85.3	82.6 - 87.7



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Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
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[Hispanic](#)

80.9

77.8 - 83.6

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 21-65 years who were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening by poverty income level, 1998-2018

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Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
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[<200% of federal poverty level](#)

73.7

71.4 - 75.8

[≥200% of federal poverty level](#)

84.0

82.8 - 85.2

By Education Level

Percentage of females aged 21-65 years who were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2018

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Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
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[Less than High School](#)

71.2

67.0 - 75.1

[High School](#)

77.3

74.6 - 79.8

[Greater than High School](#)

83.6

82.5 - 84.7

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on cervical cancer screening to allow for the prioritization of cancer control efforts and the development, implementation and evaluation of cancer control plans. State and local level cervical cancer data, research-tested interventions, state plans for comprehensive cancer control, discussions and more are available on [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. – cervical cancer](#).

Additional Information on Cervical Cancer Screening

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Colorectal Cancer Screening

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Introduction

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends screening for colorectal cancer for adults aged 50 to 75 years, and adults aged 76 to 85 years should make an individual decision about screening. Regular colorectal cancer screening is important for preventing new colorectal cancers from developing as well as for identifying existing colorectal cancers early - which can reduce the risk of death. A variety of screening tests can be used to detect colorectal cancer and/or precancerous polyps, including:

- **Colonoscopy** - A procedure where a doctor looks into the rectum and the entire colon using a flexible narrow tube to identify colorectal cancer or precancerous polyps. Used not only as a screening test, colonoscopies are also used as a diagnostic procedure to follow up after positive results from a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or fecal immunochemical test (FIT), fecal DNA test, sigmoidoscopy, or CT colonography. The USPSTF suggests a screening colonoscopy once every 10 years.
- **Computed tomography (CT) colonography** (otherwise known as a virtual colonoscopy) - Produces a three-dimensional image of the colon which your doctor examines for colorectal cancer and precancerous polyps. The USPSTF suggests CT colonography once every 5 years.
- **Fecal occult blood test (FOBT)** and **fecal immunochemical test (FIT)** - These tests identify hidden blood in the stool, which can be a sign of cancer. The USPSTF suggests people screen for colorectal cancer annually, using a home-based FOBT or FIT kit.
- **Fecal DNA test** - In addition to checking for hidden blood in the stool like a FIT, this test also looks for abnormal genetic material that may be a sign of colorectal cancer. The USPSTF suggests fecal DNA testing at least every 3 years.
- **Sigmoidoscopy** - A procedure where a doctor looks into the rectum and part of the colon using a flexible narrow tube to identify colorectal cancer or precancerous polyps. The USPSTF suggests sigmoidoscopy once every 5 years, or once every 10 years when conducted along with FIT every year.

Measure

Colorectal cancer tests: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who were up-to-date with colorectal cancer screening. Before 2016, up-to-date was defined as having FOBT every year, a sigmoidoscopy every 5 years in combination with FOBT every 3 years, or a colonoscopy every 10 years. Beginning in 2016, up-to-date is defined as FOBT or FIT every year, fecal DNA testing at least every 3 years, CT colonography every 5 years, flexible sigmoidoscopy alone every 5 years or every 10 years in combination with yearly FIT, or colonoscopy every 10 years.

Colonoscopy or sigmoidoscopy: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they had a colonoscopy within the past 10 years or a sigmoidoscopy within the past 5 or 10 (if combined with FIT as of 2016) years, by sex, racial/ethnic group, poverty/income, and education. Rates for colonoscopy and sigmoidoscopy (as direct visualization tests) have been combined into a single measure due to current infrequent use of flexible sigmoidoscopy as a colorectal cancer screening test in the U.S. ($\leq 2\%$ of tests).

CT Colonography: Starting in 2010, the percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they had a CT colonography within the past five years, by sex, racial/ethnic group, poverty/income, and education.

FOBT or FIT: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they had a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or FIT within the past year, by sex, racial/ethnic group, poverty/income, and education. For the 2000 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), respondents were asked about both home- and office-based FOBTs; starting in 2003, respondents were asked only about home-based FOBTs. Starting in 2015, NHIS respondents were asked about both FOBT and FIT.

Fecal DNA: Starting in 2018, the percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they had a fecal DNA test within the past 3 years, by sex, racial/ethnic group, poverty/income, and education.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 70.5 percent the proportion of adults aged 50 to 75 years who have received a colorectal screening test based on the most recent guidelines.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

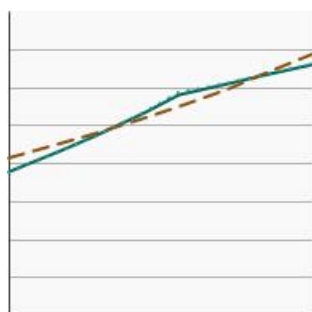
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates Guideline Screening By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who were up-to-date¹ with colorectal cancer screening by sex, 2000-2018

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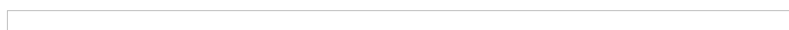
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	66.8	65.6 - 67.9
Male	67.4	65.7 - 69.0
Female	66.3	64.7 - 67.8

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who were up-to-date¹ with colorectal cancer screening by race/ethnicity, 2000-2018

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	66.8	65.6 - 67.9
Non-Hispanic White	69.2	67.8 - 70.5
Non-Hispanic Black	65.5	62.1 - 68.8
Hispanic	59.0	55.1 - 62.8

By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who were up-to-date¹ with colorectal cancer screening by poverty income level, 2000-2018

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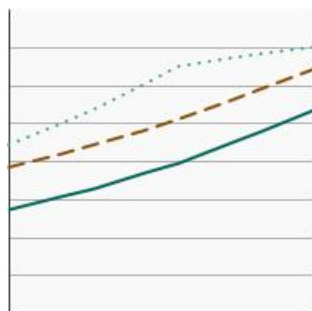
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of federal poverty level	57.1	54.7 - 59.4
≥200% of federal poverty level	69.8	68.5 - 71.1

By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who were up-to-date¹ with colorectal cancer screening by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2018

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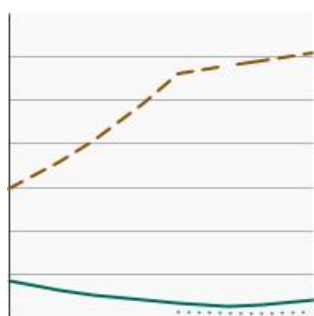
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	53.2	49.6 - 56.7
High School	63.4	61.1 - 65.5
Greater than High School	70.7	69.4 - 72.0

By Contributing Test Type

Breakdown of colorectal screening tests received by adults aged 50-75 years by type of screening test received, 2000-2018

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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Home FOBT	4.2	3.8 - 4.7
Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy	61.2	60.0 - 62.4
CT Colonography	1.0	0.8 - 1.3
Fecal DNA Test	2.7	2.3 - 3.1


Home FOBT By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by sex, 2000-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	4.2	3.8 - 4.7
	Male	4.2	3.6 - 4.9
	Female	4.2	3.6 - 5.0

By Race/Ethnicity

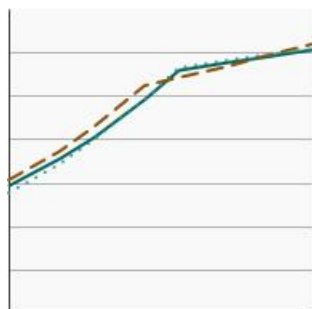
Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by race/ethnicity, 2000-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	4.2	3.8 - 4.7
	Non-Hispanic White	3.7	3.2 - 4.3
	Non-Hispanic Black	3.4	2.4 - 5.0
	Hispanic	6.4	4.8 - 8.6

Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years by sex, 2000-2018

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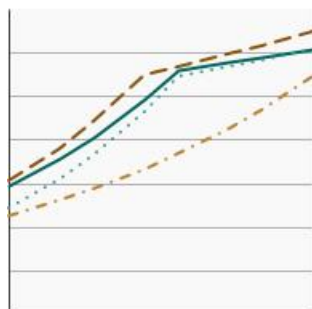
Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	61.2	60.0 - 62.4
Male	61.8	60.2 - 63.4
Female	60.7	59.0 - 62.3

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years by race/ethnicity, 2000-2018

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	61.2	60.0 - 62.4
Non-Hispanic White	64.1	62.7 - 65.5
Non-Hispanic Black	60.1	56.6 - 63.6
Hispanic	52.0	48.2 - 55.7

CT Colonography By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a CT colonography in the past 5 years by sex, 2010-2018

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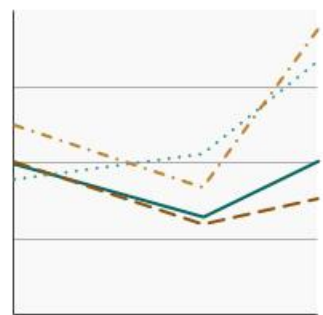
Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	1.0	0.8 - 1.3
Male	1.2	0.9 - 1.7
Female	0.8	0.6 - 1.1

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a CT colonography in the past 5 years by race/ethnicity, 2010-2018

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	1.0	0.8 - 1.3
Non-Hispanic White	0.8	0.6 - 1.0
Non-Hispanic Black	1.7	0.9 - 3.0
Hispanic	1.9	1.1 - 3.2

Fecal DNA Test By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home fecal DNA test in the past 3 years by sex

[Overview graph](#)

Sex	2018	
	Percent of adults	Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	2.7	2.3 - 3.1
Male	2.4	2.0 - 3.0
Female	2.9	2.4 - 3.4

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home fecal DNA test in the past 3 years by race/ethnicity

[Overview graph](#)

Race	2018	
	Percent of adults	Confidence Interval
All Races	2.7	2.3 - 3.1
Non-Hispanic White	2.7	2.3 - 3.2
Non-Hispanic Black	2.8	1.8 - 4.3
Hispanic	2.4	1.3 - 4.1

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on colorectal cancer screening to allow for the prioritization of cancer control efforts and the development, implementation and evaluation of cancer control plans. To identify high-risk populations, connect with researchers and practitioners, learn from evidence-based interventions and more, visit [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T. – colorectal cancer](#).

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In 2015, 5.9% of adults aged 55-80 years who are at risk for lung cancer due to smoking had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year.



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Introduction

Lung cancer screening uses a type of chest computed tomography (CT), known as low radiation dose CT (LDCT), using reduced doses of radiation (as compared to usual chest CT) to create very detailed three-dimensional pictures of the lungs. Doctors use lung cancer screening for early detection of disease in former and current smokers who do not have symptoms. Another name for LDCT is low-dose helical CT.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends annual LDCT screening for lung cancer in adults aged 55 to 80 years who have a 30 pack-year smoking history or more and who currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years. The National Lung Screening Trial (NLST), a large randomized controlled trial, demonstrated that lung cancer screening with LDCT reduced the risk of dying from lung cancer by 20 percent in people of that age and with that smoking history.

Quitting smoking is the best way to reduce the risk of dying from lung cancer. Lung cancer screening is not a substitute for smoking cessation.

Measure

The percentage of men and women who reported having a chest CT to check for lung cancer in the 12 months prior to interview. Percentages are shown by race/ethnicity, income, and education level, and are restricted to respondents aged 55 to 80 years old who smoked at least 30 pack-years, and if former smokers, who quit within the past 15 years. The reason for the chest CT was not ascertained; therefore, percentages should be considered an upper bound on the prevalence of lung cancer screening in the US. Smoking history was calculated using methods from the [Use of Lung Cancer Screening Tests in the United States: Results from the 2010 National Health Interview Survey](#) article, published in the journal *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention*.

Healthy People 2020 Target

There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for lung cancer screening.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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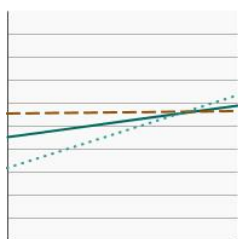
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By Sex

Percent of adults at risk for lung cancer due to smoking¹, aged 55-80 years, who had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year by sex, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	5.9	4.0 - 8.6
	Male	5.6	3.6 - 8.6
	Female	6.3	3.3 - 11.8

By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults at risk for lung cancer due to smoking¹, aged 55-80 years, who had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year by race/ethnicity, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	5.9	4.0 - 8.6
	Non-Hispanic White	6.2	4.1 - 9.2
	Non-Hispanic Black	6.8	3.2 - 13.6
	Hispanic	0.7	0.1 - 4.6

By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults at risk for lung cancer due to smoking¹, aged 55-80 years, who had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year by poverty income level, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	5.2	3.3 - 8.2
	>=200% of federal poverty level	6.2	3.7 - 10.2

By Education Level

Percent of adults at risk for lung cancer due to smoking¹, aged 55-80 years, who had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year by highest level of education obtained, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	4.2	2.3 - 7.6
	High School	8.3	5.0 - 13.5
	Greater than High School	5.0	2.4 - 10.0

By Age

Percent of adults at risk for lung cancer due to smoking¹, aged 55-80 years, who had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year by age, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 55-64	3.8	2.3 - 6.1
	Ages 65-80	7.8	4.7 - 12.7

By Smoking Pack Years

Percent of adults at risk for lung cancer due to smoking¹, aged 55-80 years, who had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year by smoking pack years, 2010-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	30-39 Pack Years	7.4	3.4 - 15.4

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)		
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval	
		40+ Pack Years	5.5	3.5 - 8.4

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Prostate Cancer Screening

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Introduction

Prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, is a protein produced by normal, as well as malignant, cells of the prostate gland. The PSA test measures the level of PSA in a man's blood. For this test, a blood sample is sent to a laboratory for analysis. The results are usually reported as nanograms of PSA per milliliter (ng/mL) of blood.

Sometimes a PSA test can find a cancer that, if not detected through screening, would never have caused any symptoms in the person's lifetime because it was growing so slowly that the person died of something else before any symptoms occurred. This is called overdiagnosis. Although no one ever knows if they are overdiagnosed, the harm is detecting and treating a cancer that otherwise never would have caused the person any problems in their lifetime.

In May 2018, the [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force \(USPSTF\)](#) published a final recommendation statement to update PSA screening guidelines for two subsets of the population:

1. for men age 70 years and older, the USPSTF recommends against PSA-based screening for prostate cancer, and
2. for men ages 55 to 69 years, that clinicians inform them about the potential benefits and harms of PSA-based screening for prostate cancer, stating that the decision about whether to be screened for prostate cancer should be an individual one.

Measure

The percentage of men aged 55-69 years who reported having had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test within the past year, by race/ethnicity, income, education level and age. This provides information about the use of PSA testing in the population.

Healthy People 2020 Target

There is no Healthy People 2020 target related to being screened for prostate cancer. There is a target goal to increase the proportion of men who have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test to screen for prostate cancer with their health care provider.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 2005-2018.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of men aged 55-69 years who had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test within the past year by race/ethnicity, 2005-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	39.0	37.0 - 41.1
	Non-Hispanic White	40.4	38.0 - 42.8
	Non-Hispanic Black	37.0	31.3 - 43.1
	Hispanic	33.2	25.9 - 41.3

By Poverty Income Level

Percent of men aged 55-69 years who had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test within the past year by poverty income level, 2005-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	27.1	23.4 - 31.3
	≥200% of federal poverty level	42.2	39.9 - 44.6

By Education Level

Percent of men aged 55-69 years who had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test within the past year by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	27.8	21.7 - 34.8
	High School	34.5	30.6 - 38.5
	Greater than High School	42.7	40.2 - 45.2

By Age

Percent of men aged 40 years and older who had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test within the past year by age at time of screening, 2005-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 40-54	13.4	11.9 - 15.0
	Ages 55-69	39.0	37.0 - 41.1
	Ages 70+	44.6	41.8 - 47.5

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available on prostate cancer screening to allow for the prioritization of cancer control efforts and the development, implementation and evaluation of cancer control plans. Find state and local level prostate cancer data, prostate cancer screening guidelines, research-tested interventions and more on [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.](#) – prostate cancer.

Additional Information on Prostate Cancer Screening For the public

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The rate of newly diagnosed cancer cases (incidence) is one way to measure progress against cancer. A lower rate of new cases suggests greater progress is being made.

Another important measure is the proportion of cancers diagnosed at a later stage of development. The stage of a cancer shows how far the disease has progressed and spread within the body. The earlier the stage at diagnosis, the better the chances are for a cure. Downward trends in the proportion of late cancer diagnoses are a sign that screening is working for cancers for which early detection methods are available.

This section describes trends in the rates of new cancers by cancer site and by racial and ethnic group. It also includes data on the proportion of cancers diagnosed at a late stage for six of the major cancer sites (female breast, lung, colon, rectum, cervix, and prostate) where cancer screening has been shown to make a difference in outcomes and is recommended or is being widely used (with the exception of prostate cancer screening, for which the highest grade assigned by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force [USPSTF] is a grade C, meaning that, for men aged 55 to 69 years, the decision to undergo periodic prostate-specific antigen [PSA]-based screening for prostate cancer should be an individual one, and that before deciding whether to be screened, men should have an opportunity to discuss the potential benefits and harms of screening with their clinician). In this report, late stage colon, rectum, cervix, and prostate cancer cases are distant stage cases only. Late stage female breast and lung cancer cases include both regional and distant stage cases.

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Incidence

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Introduction

Cancer incidence is typically measured as the number of new cases each year for every 100,000 people (for sex-specific cancers, people of the same sex serve as the denominator) and age-adjusted to a standard population to allow comparisons over time.

In 2020, nearly half of all new cancer cases are expected to be cancers of the prostate, breast, lung, and colon and rectum. According to American Cancer Society projections, about 1,806,590 new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed in 2020, including 191,930 cases of prostate cancer, 279,100 cases of breast cancer, 228,820 cases of lung and bronchus cancer, and 147,950 cases of colorectal cancer.

Measure

Incidence rate: the observed number of new cancer cases per 100,000 people per year, adjusted for age and cancer case reporting delays and based on data from approximately 10 percent of the U.S. population.

Delay adjustment: a method of estimating delayed reporting of incident cases and then adjusting rates to account for this delay.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce new cases of invasive colorectal cancer to 39.9 per 100,000 people.
- Reduce new cases of invasive uterine cervical cancer to 7.2 per 100,000 females.

Note: There is strong evidence that screening can prevent colorectal and uterine cervical cancers.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

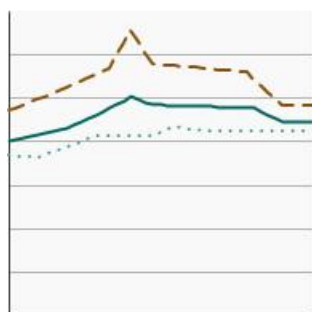
Data Source

SEER Program, National Cancer Institute, 1975–2017.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates All Cancer Sites Combined By Sex

Rates of new cases of all cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2017

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	444.8	442.5 - 447.1
Male	482.1	478.7 - 485.6
Female	420.0	416.9 - 423.0

By Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of all cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by race/ethnicity, 1992-2017

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	425.8	423.9 - 427.7
White	439.3	437.0 - 441.5
Black	450.0	443.8 - 456.4
Hispanic	341.5	337.1 - 346.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	317.8	313.6 - 322.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	405.0	383.5 - 427.3

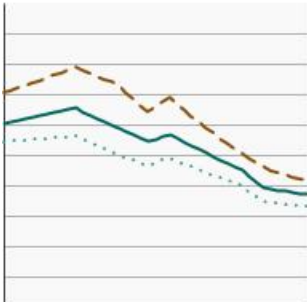
Top 4 Cancer Sites Comparison of Top Cancer Sites

Rates of new cases of the most common cancers, delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Colon and Rectum	36.8	36.2 - 37.5
	Lung and Bronchus	50.6	49.8 - 51.3
	Female Breast	133.1	131.3 - 134.8
	Prostate	119.0	117.3 - 120.7

Colon and Rectum Cancer by Sex

Rates of new cases of colon and rectum cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	36.8	36.2 - 37.5
	Male	41.3	40.3 - 42.3
	Female	32.9	32.1 - 33.8

Colon and Rectum Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of colon and rectum cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by race/ethnicity, 1992-2017

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	36.3	35.7 - 36.8
	White	35.9	35.3 - 36.5
	Black	42.9	41.0 - 44.9
	Hispanic	34.7	33.3 - 36.1
	Asian/Pacific Islander	32.0	30.7 - 33.4
	American Indian/Alaska Native	55.6	47.9 - 64.3

Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Sex

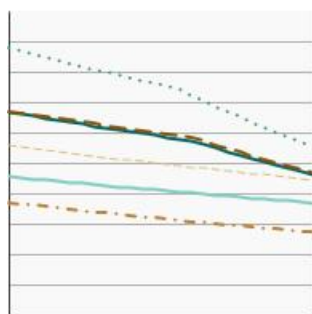
Rates of new cases of lung and bronchus cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2017

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		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	50.6	49.8 - 51.3
	Male	56.7	55.5 - 57.9
	Female	46.0	45.1 - 47.0

Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of lung and bronchus cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by race/ethnicity, 1992-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	46.7	46.1 - 47.3
White	47.3	46.6 - 48.1
Black	56.7	54.5 - 59.0
Hispanic	26.4	25.1 - 27.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	36.7	35.2 - 38.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	48.2	40.7 - 56.5

Female Breast Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of female breast cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by race/ethnicity, 1992-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	129.4	128.0 - 130.8
White	132.9	131.2 - 134.6
Black	124.5	120.2 - 128.9
Hispanic	100.1	97.0 - 103.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	114.2	110.8 - 117.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	111.2	96.5 - 127.4

Prostate Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of prostate cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by race/ethnicity, 1992-2017

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	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	112.0	110.7 - 113.4
White	108.4	106.8 - 109.9
Black	180.3	174.2 - 186.5
Hispanic	82.6	79.2 - 86.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	66.4	63.4 - 69.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	65.1	51.8 - 80.4

Additional Cancer Site with a Healthy People 2020 Target

Rates of new cases of invasive uterine cervical cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by race/ethnicity, 1992-2017

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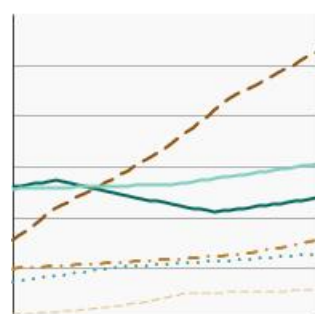


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	6.7	6.3 - 7.0
White	6.8	6.4 - 7.2
Black	6.8	5.8 - 7.9
Hispanic	8.3	7.4 - 9.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.0	5.2 - 6.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	11.1	6.9 - 16.8

Selected Cancer Sites with Increasing Trends

Rates of selected cancer sites that are increasing annually[^], delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2017

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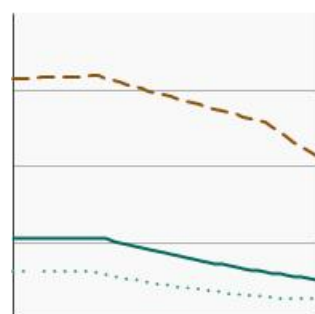


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Oral Cavity and Pharynx	11.9	11.5 - 12.3
Melanoma of the Skin	25.9	25.3 - 26.4
Testis	6.4	6.0 - 6.8
Myeloma	7.3	7.0 - 7.6
Leukemia	15.2	14.8 - 15.7
Esophageal adenocarcinoma	2.8	2.6 - 3.0

Selected Cancer Sites with Decreasing Trends Decreasing Greater than 2% Annually

Rates of selected cancer sites that are decreasing by 2% or greater per year[^], delay-adjusted incidence, 1975-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Larynx	2.6	2.4 - 2.8
Ovary	10.5	10.0 - 11.0
Esophageal squamous cell carcinoma	1.3	1.2 - 1.4

Decreasing Less than 2% Annually

Rates of selected cancer sites that are decreasing by less than 2% per year[^], delay-adjusted incidence, 1975-2017

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	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2017)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Stomach	6.7	6.4 - 6.9
	Urinary Bladder	19.4	18.9 - 19.9
	Brain and Other Nervous System	6.4	6.2 - 6.7
	Hodgkin Lymphoma	2.3	2.2 - 2.5
	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	19.7	19.3 - 20.2

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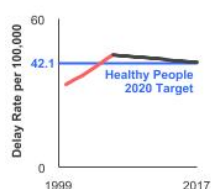
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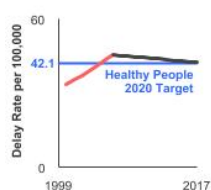
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In 2017, the rate of new regional and distant stage breast cancer cases was 42.3 per 100,000 females.



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Introduction

Cancers can be diagnosed at different stages in their development. Stage of cancer diagnosis may be expressed as numbers (for example, I, II, III, or IV) or by terms such as “localized,” “regional,” and “distant.” The lower the number or the more localized the cancer, the better a person’s chances of benefiting from treatment.

Tracking the rates of late-stage (distant) cancers is a good way to monitor the impact of cancer screening. When more cancers are detected in early stages, fewer should be detected in late stages.

Both rates of late stage disease and stage proportions are provided below since each has a somewhat different interpretation. For example, rates could be declining among all stages of disease, but the proportion of late stage disease among diagnosed cases could be relatively constant.

Measure

Late-stage diagnosis rate: The number of new cancer cases diagnosed at a distant stage per 100,000 people per year for cancers of the prostate, lung and bronchus, colon, rectum, and cervix uteri. Late stage is defined as regional and distant stage diagnoses, per 100,000 women per year for cancer of the female breast.

Stage Distribution: The proportion of new cancer cases among all cases diagnosed in a specific year. The full distribution of all stages (local, regional, distant and unstaged/unknown) is shown.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Healthy People 2020 has only one target for late-stage diagnoses: to reduce the number of new late-stage female breast cancer cases to 42.1 per 100,000 females. Healthy People 2020 also includes targets for increasing the proportion of adults who are screened for cervical, colorectal, and breast cancer, and for increasing the proportion of men who are counseled about prostate-specific screening tests. These screenings may increase the proportion of adults whose cancer is detected in its early stage.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

SEER Program, National Cancer Institute, 2000–2017.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Late Stage Breast Cancer Rates

Rates of new cases of late stage breast cancer, delay-adjusted incidence, 2000-2017

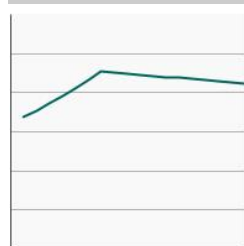
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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Delay Rate per 100,000

95% Confidence Interval



Late Stage Breast Cancer

42.3

41.8 - 42.8



Distant Stage Cancer Rates

Rates of new cancers of distant stage diseases, delay-adjusted incidence, 2000-2017

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Delay Rate per 100,000

95% Confidence Interval

	Delay Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Colon	5.7	5.6 - 5.9
Rectum	1.6	1.5 - 1.7
Cervix Uteri	1.1	1.0 - 1.2
Lung and Bronchus	24.6	24.3 - 24.9
Prostate	10.6	10.3 - 10.9



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Female Breast Cancer

Distribution of female breast cancer diagnoses by stage at diagnosis, 2000-2017

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Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Percent of diagnoses

95% Confidence Interval

	Percent of diagnoses	95% Confidence Interval
Localized	65.6	57.5 - 73.8
Regional/Distant	32.4	24.3 - 40.4
Unstaged/Unknown	2.3	0.0 - 4.9



Lung Cancer

Distribution of lung cancer diagnoses by stage at diagnosis, 2000-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

Percent of diagnoses

95% Confidence Interval

	Percent of diagnoses	95% Confidence Interval
Localized	25.3	13.3 - 37.4
Regional	21.2	9.9 - 32.6
Distant	48.3	34.5 - 62.1
Unstaged/Unknown	5.9	0.0 - 12.5







Colon Cancer

Distribution of colon cancer diagnoses by stage at diagnosis, 2000-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

		Percent of diagnoses	95% Confidence Interval
	Localized	35.5	17.1 - 54.0
	Regional	37.1	18.5 - 55.7
	Distant	22.4	6.3 - 38.5
	Unstaged/Unknown	6.1	0.0 - 15.4





Rectum Cancer

Distribution of rectum cancer diagnoses by stage at diagnosis, 2000-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

		Percent of diagnoses	95% Confidence Interval
	Localized	36.9	5.5 - 68.3
	Regional	36.9	5.5 - 68.3
	Distant	18.2	0.0 - 43.2
	Unstaged/Unknown	10.0	0.0 - 29.5

Cervix Uteri Cancer

Distribution of cervix uteri cancer diagnoses by stage at diagnosis, 2000-2017

[Overview Graph](#)

Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

		Percent of diagnoses	95% Confidence Interval
	Localized	47.4	12.3 - 82.6
	Regional	33.4	0.2 - 66.6
	Distant	15.7	0.0 - 41.3
	Unstaged/Unknown	6.5	0.0 - 23.8

Prostate Cancer

Distribution of prostate cancer diagnoses by stage at diagnosis, 2000-2017

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2017)

		Percent of diagnoses	95% Confidence Interval
	Localized	67.5	58.9 - 76.1
	Regional	13.0	6.9 - 19.2
	Distant	8.7	3.5 - 13.9
	Unstaged/Unknown	11.4	5.6 - 17.2

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Treatment

Cancer treatment is improving, saving lives and extending survival for many people. Depending on various factors, treatment options may include surgery, radiation, immunotherapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted therapy, or local therapy, among others. These treatments might be used alone or in combination. Clinical trials evaluate the benefits of new therapies and broaden the options available to patients.

This section includes treatment trends for cancer sites for which there are available data trends and definitive treatment guidelines based on rigorous evidence of benefit to patients, including bladder, breast, colorectal, kidney, lung, ovarian, and prostate cancers.

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Bladder Cancer Treatment

Data Up to Date as of:

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Introduction

Bladder cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the bladder. The first targeted therapy for bladder cancer was approved by the FDA in 2019. Treatment options depend on the stage of bladder cancer. Four types of standard treatment are used: surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and immunotherapy. Intravesical (within the bladder) therapy, one type of immunotherapy, involves the instillation of an agent or biologic into the bladder. The use of intravesical therapy has been associated with improved survival. There has been a significant increase in the use of intravesical therapy for patients diagnosed with non-muscle invasive Ta G1-2 bladder cancer. The Ta G1-2 means non-invasive papillary carcinoma (Ta) that is Grade 1 (well differentiated) or Grade 2 (moderately differentiated).

Measure

Percentage of individuals receiving intravesical therapy in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including bladder cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1995-2009.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Intravesical Therapy

Percent of patients receiving intravesical therapy for non-muscle invasive disease Ta G1-2 and all other non-muscle invasive disease, 1995-2009

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Ta G1-2	29.7	(22.3 - 37.1)
	Other non-muscle invasive disease	39.9	(31.2 - 48.6)

Additional Information on Bladder Cancer Treatment For the public

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For health professionals

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Statistics

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Breast Cancer Treatment

Data Up to Date as of:

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Introduction

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States (other than skin cancer). Women with breast cancer have many treatment options, including surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted therapy. Treatment options for a woman diagnosed with breast cancer may include more than one type of treatment (ex. Surgery and radiation) or more than one agent (multi-agent chemotherapy).

The proportion of women with node-positive disease (cancer in the lymph nodes near the tumor) receiving guideline-concordant treatment is high. Clinical trials have demonstrated that women with early stage breast cancer who receive breast-conserving surgery (BCS) with radiation therapy have a survival rate similar to those of women who undergo a mastectomy. Among women for whom chemotherapy is indicated, older women are less likely to receive chemotherapy than younger women, but there are no major differences in treatment among major racial and ethnic groups. Breast cancer also develops in men, but it is rare.

Measure

Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer (local or regional stage), receiving breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment.

Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with node-positive, stage I–IIIA breast cancer, receiving multi-agent chemotherapy. Due to SEER coding inconsistencies in AJCC stage at diagnosis data for women diagnosed with breast cancer in 2016, the only consistent staging system that could be used across all of the years was Summary Staging (local, regional, distant). This issue only applies to the measure on receiving breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment through 2016 (from the SEER data) but is not an issue for the multi-agent chemotherapy measure (since it is based on SEER based patterns of care data and the most recent data point is 2015). For the breast conserving surgery and radiation measure local and regional disease was used as the closest approximation. Unfortunately this classification includes some patients beyond stage IIb who are not necessarily recommended for breast conserving therapy and radiation (approximately 13% – although it differs by year). Thus, even if complete compliance with guidelines occurred, this measure would not reach 100%.

Note: This measure includes women with both hormone receptor positive and negative breast cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including breast cancer treatment and multi-agent chemotherapy.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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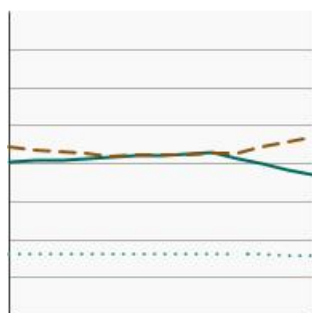
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Multi-agent chemotherapy estimates: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1987–2015.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Treatment Distribution

Treatment distribution for invasive female breast cancer patients aged 20 years and older with local or regional diagnosis, 2004-2016

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Most Recent Estimates (2016)

	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
Mastectomy	37.0	36.7 - 37.2
BCS with radiation	47.0	46.8 - 47.3
BCS without radiation	16.0	15.8 - 16.1

Chemotherapy

Percentage of node positive female breast cancer patients receiving multiagent chemotherapy treatment by age at diagnosis, 1987-2015

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Most Recent Estimates (2015)

	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 20+	64.2	57.6 - 70.2
Ages 20-64	82.4	74.6 - 88.2
Ages 65+	40.7	29.9 - 52.5

Additional Information on Breast Cancer Treatment For the public

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In 2015, 70.3% of stage III colon and stage II and III rectal patients received adjuvant chemotherapy.



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Introduction

Colon cancer forms in the tissues of the colon, which is the longest part of the large intestine. Rectal cancer forms in the tissues of the rectum, which is the last several inches of the large intestine closest to the anus.

The main types of treatment for colon and rectal cancer are surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and targeted therapy. Depending on the stage of the cancer, two or more of these types of treatment may be combined at the same time or used one after another.

Surgery is the most common treatment for all stages of colorectal cancer. Adjuvant chemotherapy is used after surgery to minimize chances of recurrence and has been shown to help people with stage III colon and rectal cancer live longer. Radiation therapy uses high energy rays or particles to destroy cancer cells. Chemotherapy can make radiation therapy more

effective against some colon and rectal cancers. The proportion of patients receiving guideline-concordant adjuvant therapy increased steadily between 1987 and 2005. Potential disparities remain for some groups of patients.

Measure

Percent of individuals, aged 20 years and older, diagnosed with stage III colon cancer who received chemotherapy or diagnosed with stage II or stage III rectal cancer who received chemotherapy with or without radiation therapy.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including colorectal cancer treatment.

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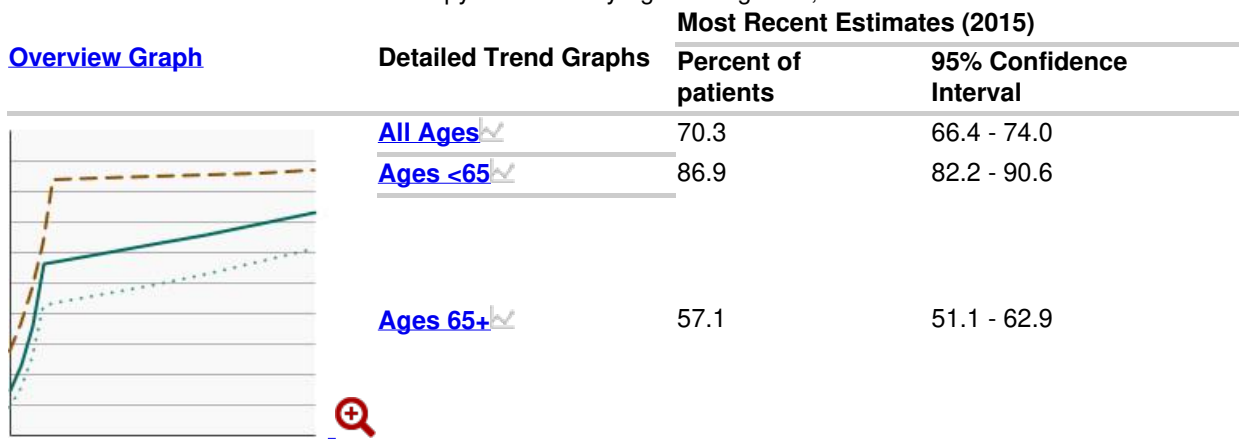
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Guideline-concordant Chemotherapy Treatment

Percent of colon stage III and rectal stages II & III cancer patients who received guideline-concordant chemotherapy treatment by age at diagnosis, 1987-2015



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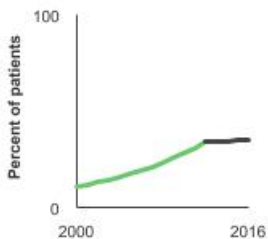
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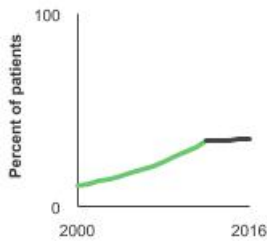
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In 2016, 34.4% of patients diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer received a partial nephrectomy.



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Introduction

Kidney cancer, also called renal cell cancer, is one of the ten most common cancers in both men and women. Treatment options may include surgery (open or laparoscopic), local therapies such as ablation and embolization, active surveillance, radiation therapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy (biological therapy), and chemotherapy. These treatments might be used alone or in combination, depending on various factors.

Surgery is the main treatment for most types of kidney cancer. Since 2000, the use of complete nephrectomy (removal of the whole kidney) in patients with localized kidney cancer or cancer in the immediate surrounding tissue (regional kidney cancer) has decreased, while the rate of partial nephrectomy (removal of only the affected part of the kidney) has increased. Partial nephrectomy is now the preferred treatment for patients with early stage kidney cancer, but there are patients with early stage disease for whom partial nephrectomy may not be possible. Studies have shown the long-term results of partial nephrectomy and complete nephrectomy are about the same. Also, partial nephrectomy may prevent serious side effects like chronic kidney disease.

Measure

Partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy in patients with localized/regional kidney cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including kidney cancer treatment.

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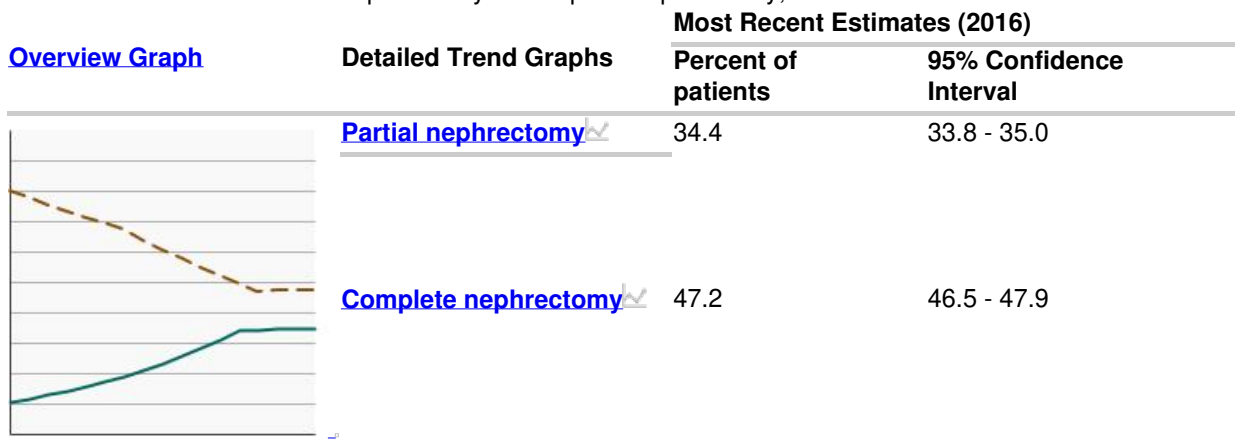
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All Races, Ages 20+

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016



By Age

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Ages 20-64

Percent of patients aged 20 - 64 years diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Partial nephrectomy	43.6	42.7 - 44.6
	Complete nephrectomy	47.2	46.2 - 48.1

Ages 65 and Older

Percent of patients aged 65 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Partial nephrectomy	29.3	28.9 - 29.8
	Complete nephrectomy	47.2	46.7 - 47.8

By Race/Ethnicity

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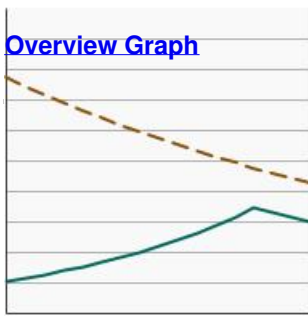
Percent of White patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Partial nephrectomy	34.8	34.3 - 35.4
	Complete nephrectomy	47.5	46.9 - 48.1

Black

Percent of Black patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Partial nephrectomy	30.5	30.3 - 30.7



Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
Complete nephrectomy	45.2	45.0 - 45.5

Hispanic

Percent of Hispanic patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Partial nephrectomy	32.0	31.8 - 32.3
	Complete nephrectomy	49.8	49.5 - 50.1

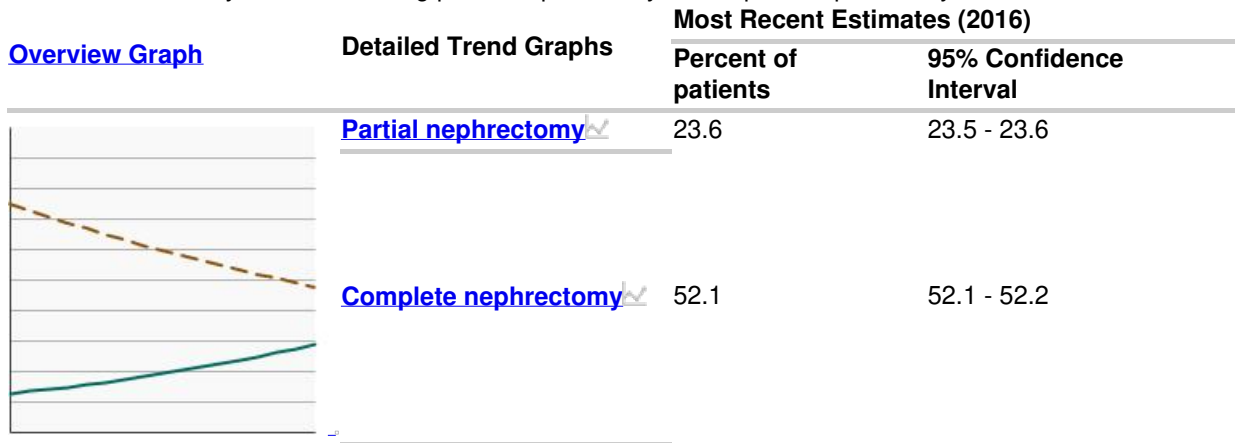
Asian/Pacific Islander

Percent of Asian/Pacific Islander patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2016)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Partial nephrectomy	36.4	36.3 - 36.6
	Complete nephrectomy	48.3	48.1 - 48.5

American Indian/Alaska Native

Percent of American Indian/Alaska Native patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2016



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Lung Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Lung cancer forms in tissues of the lung, usually in the cells that line air passages. The two main types of lung cancer are small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), which is the most common. About 85 percent of lung cancers are NSCLCs.

Primary treatment options for people with NSCLC include surgery, radiation therapy, other local treatments, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and targeted therapies. In many cases, more than one of these treatments is used.

Surgery to remove the tumor presents the greatest chance of curing NSCLC, and is commonly used to treat stages I and II and some stage III cancers but is rarely used to treat stage IV cancers. Postoperative chemotherapy may provide an additional benefit to patients who have undergone surgical removal of NSCLC. Radiation therapy combined with chemotherapy can effectively treat a small number of patients and can provide palliation in most patients.

Measure

Chemotherapy following the diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer stages IIIB or IV.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including lung cancer treatment.

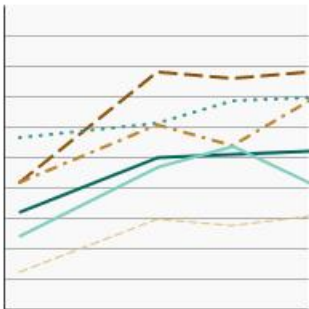
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Data Source

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates Chemotherapy

Distribution of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer receiving any chemotherapy by age at diagnosis, 1996-2015

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2015)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 20 and older	52.2	45.1 - 59.2
	Ages 20-49	78.0	57.1 - 90.4
	Ages 50-59	69.3	57.1 - 79.3
	Ages 60-69	68.7	54.9 - 79.8
	Ages 70-79	41.4	30.3 - 53.4
	Ages 80 and older	30.7	14.3 - 54.1

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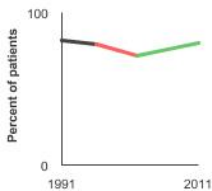
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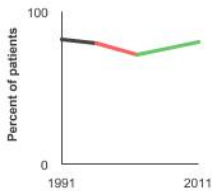
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In 2011, 79.9% of stage III or IV ovarian cancer patients received chemotherapy.



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Introduction

Ovarian cancer forms in the tissues of the ovary (one of a pair of female reproductive glands in which the ova, or eggs, are formed). Most ovarian cancers are either ovarian epithelial carcinomas (cancer that begins in the cells on the surface of the ovary) or malignant germ cell tumors (cancer that begins in egg cells). Cancerous ovarian tumors can also begin in stromal cells, which release hormones and connect the different structures of the ovaries, though this is less common. Ovarian epithelial, fallopian tube, and primary peritoneal cancers form in the same tissue and are treated the same way.

Ovarian cancer treatment varies by the type of tumor. Often, two or more different treatments are used, though surgery is the main initial treatment for most ovarian cancers. Studies in early stage ovarian cancer have shown an increase in overall survival with the administration of chemotherapy, which is used in the majority of cases as a follow-up therapy to surgery. Epithelial ovarian cancer is treated with surgery, chemotherapy, and targeted therapy. Ovarian germ cell tumors are treated with surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation therapy. Ovarian stromal tumors are treated with surgery, chemotherapy, and hormone therapy.

Guidelines suggest intraperitoneal (IP) chemotherapy for later stage ovarian cancer. IP chemotherapy involves injecting a concentrated dose of drugs through a thin tube into the abdominal cavity where the cancer cells are located. In a study of women with advanced ovarian cancer, those receiving IP chemotherapy lived longer than those getting regular chemotherapy, but the side effects of IP chemotherapy were often more severe.

Measure

Percentage of individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer who received chemotherapy by stage of diagnosis.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including ovarian cancer treatment.

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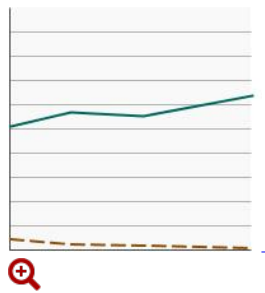
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Stage I and II Diagnoses

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage I or II ovarian cancer by type of treatment received, 1991-2011

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Detailed Trend Graphs



	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
Chemotherapy	63.5	(59.5 - 67.4)
Hormone therapy	0.7	(0.1 - 1.2)

Stage III and IV Diagnoses

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage III or IV ovarian cancer by type of treatment received, 1991-2011

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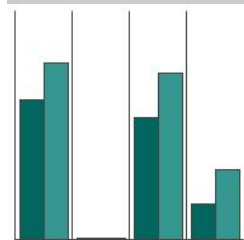
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	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
Chemotherapy	79.9	(77.2 - 82.5)
Hormone therapy	0.6	(0.2 - 1.0)

Distribution of Chemotherapeutic Agents

Distribution of chemotherapeutic agents given to ovarian cancer patients aged 20 years and older by type of treatment received, 2011

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Chemotherapy agent received	Stage I and II Percent of patients receiving agent	95% Confidence Interval	Stage III and IV Percent of patients receiving agent	95% Confidence Interval
Carboplatin/Cisplatin	61.1	(56.9 - 65.1)	77.5	(74.5 - 80.2)
Cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan)	0.1	(0.0 - 0.4)	0.6	(0.3 - 1.0)
Paclitaxol (Taxol)	53.3	(49.1 - 57.5)	72.6	(69.5 - 75.4)
Other Chemo Agents	15.7	(12.9 - 19.1)	30.7	(27.7 - 34.0)

Additional Information on Ovarian Cancer Treatment

For the public

- [Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Ovarian, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)-Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
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- [Ovarian Low Malignant Potential Tumors Treatment \(PDQ®\)-Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Treating Ovarian Cancer](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Ovarian Cancer \(NCCN Guidelines for Patients®\)](#). National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

For health professionals

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Statistics

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Year Range

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Prostate Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Prostate cancer forms in tissues of the prostate (a gland in the male reproductive system found below the bladder and in front of the rectum). This disease, which usually occurs in older men and grows relatively slowly, is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but can often be treated successfully.

Standard treatment options may include active surveillance, surgery, radiation therapy, hormonal therapy, chemotherapy, biologic therapy, bisphosphonate therapy, and targeted therapy. These treatments are generally used one at a time, although in some cases they may be combined.

Hormonal therapy is also called *androgen deprivation therapy* or *androgen suppression therapy*. Its goal is to reduce levels of male hormones, called *androgens*, in the body, and to block them from affecting prostate cancer cells. This type of therapy can slow prostate cancer cell growth, which is stimulated by androgens.

The use of hormonal therapy for prostate cancer typically increases with the age of the patient, and it is currently also recommended for men with a high risk of recurrence. It may also be used for men who are not able to have surgery or radiation, and for men who can't be cured by these treatments because the cancer has already spread beyond the prostate gland. It is increasingly being used before, during, and after local treatment as well.

Measure

Hormonal therapy following the diagnosis of prostate cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including prostate cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1998-2008.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Hormonal Therapy

Percent of men aged 40 years and older with localized/regional prostate cancer and receiving hormonal therapy by age at diagnosis, 1998-2008

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2008)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 40 and older	21.1	(17.6 - 24.5)
	Ages 40-49	7.7	(3.4 - 12.1)
	Ages 50-59	10.4	(6.9 - 13.9)
	Ages 60-69	17.7	(10.9 - 24.5)
	Ages 70-79	24.7	(18.1 - 31.3)
	Ages 80 and older	53.0	(43.1 - 63.0)

Additional Information on Prostate Cancer Treatment

For the public

- [Hormone Therapy for Prostate Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Prostate Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Prostate Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\) - Patient Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
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Life After Cancer

More and more people are benefiting from the early detection of cancer and its successful treatment. These medical advances are improving both quality of life and length of survival among people diagnosed with cancer, permitting many survivors to continue full and productive lives at home and at work.

National data regarding life after cancer track the financial burden of cancer care and relative survival rates, as well as the health behaviors of cancer survivors, including survivors' physical activity, weight management, and smoking status.

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Financial Burden of Cancer Care

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No trend data are available for financial burden of cancer care

Introduction

National expenditures associated with cancer have been steadily increasing in the United States. According to the article [Projections of the Cost of Cancer Care in the United States: 2010-2020](#), published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, care for cancer survivors accounted for an estimated \$137.4 billion in medical care expenditures in the U.S. in 2010. Medical care expenditures were from Medicare per-patient costs. This included both Medicare payment and patient responsibilities for medical services such as hospitalizations, outpatient hospital services, physician/supplier services, infusion or injectable drugs, durable medical equipment, hospice care, and home health care. Expenditures did not include oral prescription drugs, which will be available in a future update. Per-patient costs were combined with prevalence to estimate national medical care expenditures.

As the population ages, cancer prevalence and the absolute number of people treated for cancer will increase, even if cancer incidence rates remain constant or decrease somewhat. An [Evaluation of trends in the cost of initial cancer treatment](#), published in the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, shows costs are also likely to increase as new, more advanced, and more expensive treatments are adopted as standards of care. The estimates presented here are based on cancer prevalence estimates modeled through 2018. The average annual costs of care are based on the Projections of the Cost of Cancer Care in the United States: 2010-2020 study, that used 2008-2010 data. This report will include updated estimates as they become available.

The national economic burden of cancer care in 2018 is shown below for bladder, brain, female breast, cervical, colorectal, esophageal, head and neck, kidney, lung, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, stomach, and uterine cancers, as well as lymphoma, leukemia, and melanoma. All other cancers are combined as a single category.

National expenditures were largest for female breast, colorectal, prostate, lymphoma, and lung cancers, reflecting prevalence of disease, treatment patterns, and costs for different types of care.

Measure

Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for the financial burden of cancer care.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Bradley CJ, Yabroff KR, Dahman B, Feuer EJ, Mariotto A, Brown ML. Productivity costs of cancer mortality in the United States: 2000-2020. *J Natl Cancer Inst* 2008; 100: 1763-70.

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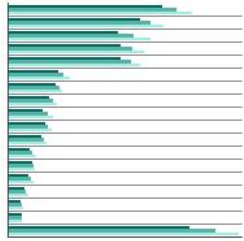
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By Cancer Site

Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care (in millions of dollars) by cancer site and year

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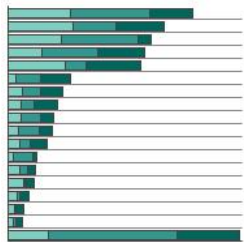


Cancer Site	2010	2014	2018
Female Breast	\$16,499.8	\$18,116.6	\$19,700.0
Colorectal	\$14,140.5	\$15,280.2	\$16,630.9
Prostate	\$11,848.1	\$13,426.1	\$15,299.2
Lymphoma	\$12,142.5	\$13,375.1	\$14,626.7
Lung	\$12,120.7	\$13,131.1	\$14,185.5
Leukemia	\$5,438.1	\$6,022.3	\$6,631.9
Ovary	\$5,116.1	\$5,502.4	\$5,862.6
Brain	\$4,469.3	\$4,895.0	\$5,323.8
Kidney	\$3,798.3	\$4,306.9	\$4,839.7
Bladder	\$3,980.7	\$4,280.3	\$4,665.7
Head and Neck	\$3,635.7	\$3,898.7	\$4,187.9
Melanoma	\$2,363.2	\$2,687.7	\$3,002.5
Uterus	\$2,622.6	\$2,764.7	\$2,945.7
Pancreas	\$2,266.0	\$2,493.4	\$2,720.8
Stomach	\$1,820.1	\$1,977.9	\$2,159.3
Esophagus	\$1,333.3	\$1,505.3	\$1,677.3
Cervix	\$1,545.7	\$1,544.8	\$1,543.9
All Other Sites	\$19,424.8	\$22,192.6	\$24,775.5

By Cancer Site and Phase of Care

Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care in 2018 (in millions of dollars) by cancer site and phase of care

[Overview graph](#)



Cancer Site	Last year of life	Continuing care	Initial care
Female Breast	\$4,530.8	\$8,471.6	\$6,697.5
Colorectal	\$5,037.8	\$4,665.8	\$6,927.3
Prostate	\$1,409.9	\$8,190.8	\$5,698.6
Lymphoma	\$5,092.2	\$5,943.1	\$3,591.5
Lung	\$5,868.5	\$2,161.4	\$6,155.6
Leukemia	\$3,129.0	\$2,605.7	\$897.2
Ovary	\$2,443.2	\$1,900.2	\$1,519.2
Brain	\$2,607.9	\$1,298.4	\$1,417.5
Kidney	\$1,419.3	\$2,082.5	\$1,337.9
Bladder	\$1,293.7	\$2,204.2	\$1,167.8
Head and Neck	\$1,781.7	\$1,165.3	\$1,241.0
Melanoma	\$394.5	\$2,051.7	\$556.3
Uterus	\$836.6	\$874.7	\$1,234.5
Pancreas	\$907.0	\$141.8	\$1,671.9
Stomach	\$902.7	\$276.7	\$979.9
Esophagus	\$790.6	\$203.7	\$683.1
Cervix	\$683.9	\$361.6	\$498.5
All Other Sites	\$6,668.6	\$13,734.2	\$4,372.7

Distribution of Cost by Cancer Site

Estimates of the proportion of national expenditures for cancer care in 2018 by cancer site and phase of care

[Overview graph](#)



Cancer Site	Last year of life	Continuing care	Initial care
Female Breast	23.0%	43.0%	34.0%
Colorectal	30.3%	28.1%	41.7%
Prostate	9.2%	53.5%	37.2%
Lymphoma	34.8%	40.6%	24.6%
Lung	41.4%	15.2%	43.4%
Leukemia	47.2%	39.3%	13.5%
Ovary	41.7%	32.4%	25.9%
Brain	49.0%	24.4%	26.6%
Kidney	29.3%	43.0%	27.6%
Bladder	27.7%	47.2%	25.0%
Head and Neck	42.5%	27.8%	29.6%
Melanoma	13.1%	68.3%	18.5%
Uterus	28.4%	29.7%	41.9%

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Cancer Site	Last year of life	Continuing care	Initial care
Pancreas	33.3%	5.2%	61.4%
Stomach	41.8%	12.8%	45.4%
Esophagus	47.1%	12.1%	40.7%
Cervix	44.3%	23.4%	32.3%
All Other Sites	26.9%	55.4%	17.6%
All Sites	30.4%	38.7%	30.9%

Medicare Payments During First Year After Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of Medicare payments in the first year following diagnosis for cancer care by type of service in 2002

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Cancer Site	Cancer Related Surgery	Chemotherapy	Radiation therapy	Other hospitalizations	Other services
Female Breast	24.6%	14.8%	11.0%	18.3%	31.3%
Lung	16.6%	20.4%	3.3%	33.6%	26.1%
Colorectal	53.1%	9.2%	0.9%	18.4%	18.4%
Prostate	11.8%	2.3%	14.4%	21.4%	50.1%

Lost Productivity Due to Cancer Diagnosis

Lost productivity due to cancer deaths in the United States among adults aged 20 years and older, 2005

[Overview graph](#)

Cancer Site	Present value of lifetime earnings (billion)
Lung and bronchus	\$36.1
Female breast	\$12.1
Colon and rectum	\$10.7
Pancreas	\$6.6
Brain and ONS	\$5.7
Leukemia	\$5.7
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	\$5.5
Liver and intrahepatic bile duct	\$4.4
Kidney and renal pelvis	\$3.4
Head and neck	\$3.4
Prostate	\$3.3
Stomach	\$3.2
Melanoma of the skin	\$3.2
Ovary	\$2.8
Cervix uteri	\$1.8
Urinary bladder	\$1.8
Corpus and uterus	\$1.0
Hodgkin lymphoma	\$0.8
Testis	\$0.5
All other sites	\$22.5

Additional Information on the Financial Burden of Cancer Care

For the public

- [Financial Toxicity \(Financial Distress\) and Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)](#). National Cancer Institute.

Scientific reports

- [Productivity costs of cancer mortality in the United States: 2000-2020](#). Bradley CJ, Yabroff KR, Dahman B, Feuer EJ, Mariotto A, Brown ML. J Natl Cancer Inst 2008; 100: 1763-70.
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Year Range

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Recent Summary Trend Year Range

No trend data are available for the financial burden of cancer care.

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Survival

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Introduction

Advances in the ways that cancer is diagnosed and treated have increased the number of people who live disease-free for long periods of time. This report looks at trends in 5-year survival rates for cancer, the time period traditionally associated with good prognosis. However, some people will experience a recurrence of their cancer after 5 years.

Measure

Five-year relative cancer survival: The proportion of patients surviving cancer 5 years after diagnosis calculated in the absence of other causes of death. This percentage is the proportion of observed cancer survivors in a cohort of cancer patients relative to the proportion of expected survivors.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase the proportion of cancer survivors who are living 5 years or longer after diagnosis to 71.7 percent.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

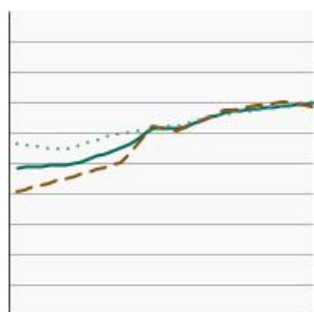
Data Source

SEER Program, National Cancer Institute, 1975–2012 with follow-up through 2017.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates
All Cancer Sites Combined
By Sex

5-year relative survival for all cancer sites combined by sex, 1975-2012

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[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

	Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	69.0	68.7 - 69.3
Male	67.8	67.4 - 68.3
Female	70.1	69.7 - 70.6

By Race/Ethnicity

5-year relative survival for all cancer sites combined by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

	Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	68.4	68.2 - 68.7
White	69.1	68.8 - 69.4
Black	63.2	62.4 - 64.1
Hispanic	65.7	64.9 - 66.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	65.0	64.2 - 65.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	63.2	59.8 - 66.5

Top 4 Cancer Sites Comparison of Top Cancer Sites

5-year relative survival for the most common cancers, 1975-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
	Colon and Rectum	65.5	64.3 - 66.6
	Lung and Bronchus	19.9	19.1 - 20.7
	Female Breast	91.2	90.6 - 91.8
	Prostate	98.1	97.4 - 98.7

Colon and Rectum Cancer by Sex

5-year relative survival for colon and rectum cancer by sex, 1975-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	65.5	64.3 - 66.6
	Male	65.5	63.9 - 67.1
	Female	65.5	63.8 - 67.1

Colon and Rectum Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year relative survival for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	65.2	64.2 - 66.1
	White	65.2	64.0 - 66.3
	Black	59.1	56.2 - 61.9
	Hispanic	62.2	59.5 - 64.7
	Asian/Pacific Islander	68.7	66.1 - 71.1
	American Indian/Alaska Native	61.3	51.1 - 70.0

Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Sex

5-year relative survival for lung and bronchus cancer by sex, 1975-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	19.9	19.1 - 20.7
	Male	16.8	15.8 - 17.8
	Female	23.2	22.0 - 24.4

Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year relative survival for lung and bronchus cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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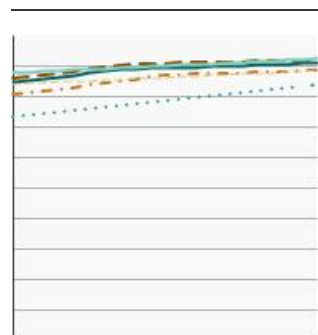


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
	Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	19.6	18.9 - 20.3
White	19.6	18.8 - 20.3
Black	17.5	15.7 - 19.3
Hispanic	18.4	15.9 - 21.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	21.6	19.5 - 23.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	21.3	13.0 - 31.0

Female Breast Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year relative survival for female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)
All Races	90.7
White	91.2
Black	85.0
Hispanic	88.2
Asian/Pacific Islander	92.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	88.0

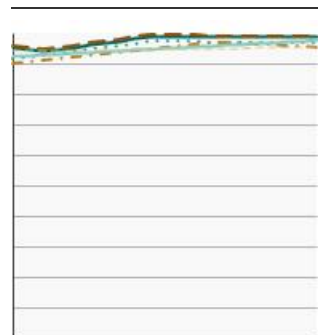
Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)	Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	90.7	90.2 - 91.2
White	91.2	90.6 - 91.8
Black	85.0	83.1 - 86.6
Hispanic	88.2	86.6 - 89.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	92.2	90.9 - 93.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	88.0	79.9 - 93.0

Prostate Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year relative survival for prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)



Detailed Trend Graphs

Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)
All Races	97.9
White	97.8
Black	96.8
Hispanic	95.0
Asian/Pacific Islander	95.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	86.6

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)	Percent surviving	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	97.9	97.3 - 98.4
White	97.8	97.1 - 98.4
Black	96.8	95.0 - 98.0
Hispanic	95.0	93.1 - 96.4
Asian/Pacific Islander	95.5	93.1 - 97.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	86.6	67.9 - 94.8

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Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Data Up to Date as of:

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Introduction

Despite their increased risk for chronic health conditions and premature death, many cancer survivors continue to smoke after their diagnosis. To enhance the length and health-related quality of their lives, efforts are needed to identify these individuals and provide them with evidence-based interventions to help them quit smoking and remain tobacco free.

As the population of cancer survivors increases and their expected time of survival lengthens, the health behaviors of these individuals are becoming an important focus of attention. Adoption or maintenance of healthy lifestyles after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. Behavioral risk factors, such as smoking, affect survival. Tracking these behaviors permits evaluation of how well cancer control efforts are working to reduce preventable disability and death among those with a history of cancer.

Measure

Rates of smoking among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they were a current smoker.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for smoking rates among cancer survivors, though Healthy People does include a national objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors; however, the goal for the general population is to decrease to 12 percent the proportion of people who smoke.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

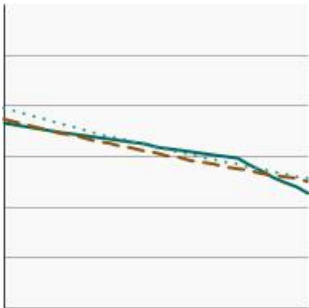
Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey, 1992–2018.


Trends and Most Recent Estimates By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by sex, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	11.8	10.4 - 13.4
	Male	11.5	9.1 - 14.5
	Female	12.0	10.3 - 14.0


By Age

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	20.4	14.6 - 27.8
	Ages 45-64	18.2	15.0 - 22.0
	Ages 65 and older	6.7	5.4 - 8.2


By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by time since cancer diagnosis, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	5 years or less since diagnosis	13.2	10.7 - 16.3
	6+ years since diagnosis	11.9	10.0 - 14.1

Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 2014-2018

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivor		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	Confidence Interval	Percent of population	Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	26.3	22.5 - 30.5	16.1	15.6 - 16.6
	Ages 45-64	17.7	16.3 - 19.2	17.1	16.6 - 17.6
	Ages 65 and older	7.0	6.3 - 7.7	8.9	8.5 - 9.3

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available to assist cancer control planners, program staff, and researchers to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based survivorship programs. Visit [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.- survivorship](#) for data on cancer incidence, research syntheses, cancer control plans, research-tested interventions, interactive communities of practice, and other resources.

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Cancer Survivors and Weight

Data Up to Date as of:

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Introduction

Adopting or maintaining a healthy lifestyle after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. Preventing excess body weight and obesity can enhance the length and health-related quality of life of cancer survivors, and it can reduce the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight, including colorectal, breast (among women who have gone through menopause), uterine, esophageal, renal cell (kidney), and pancreatic cancer.

As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals are becoming an important focus of attention.

Measure

Rates of obesity among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history, who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.

Healthy People 2020 Target

Although Healthy People 2020 has no target for obesity among cancer survivors, it does have nutrition and health status targets regarding obesity in the general population, including:

- Increase to 33.9 percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight.
- Reduce to 30.5 percent the proportion of adults who are obese.

There is also a Healthy People 2020 objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey, 1992–2018.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Overweight By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were overweight by sex, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	35.6	33.2 - 38.0
	Male	40.8	36.6 - 45.1
	Female	31.3	28.5 - 34.3

By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were overweight by time since cancer diagnosis, 1992-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	5 years or less since diagnosis	39.0	34.9 - 43.2
	6+ years since diagnosis	33.2	30.3 - 36.2

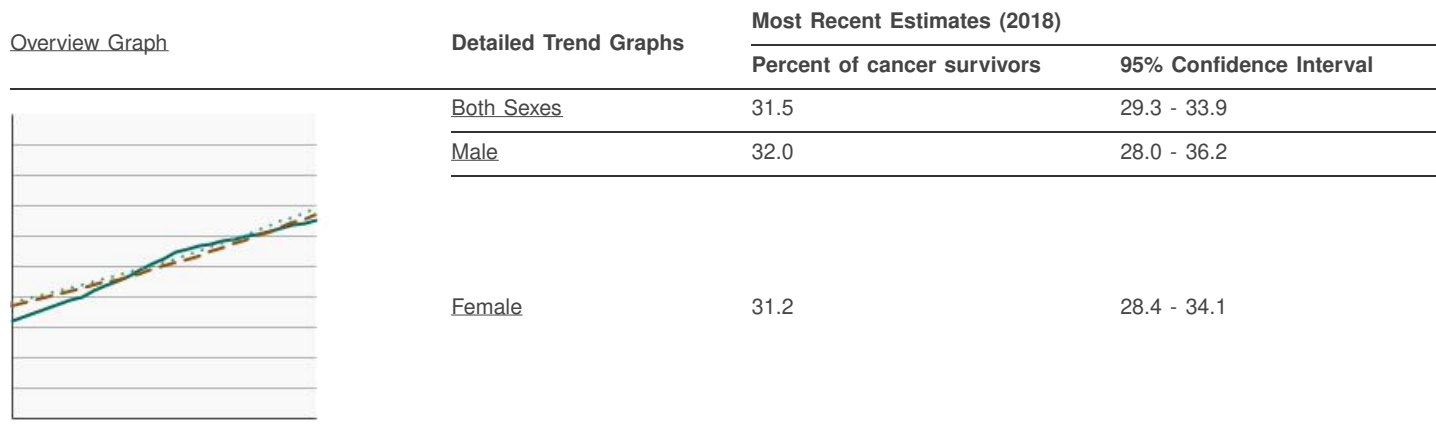
Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were overweight, 2014-2018

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivor		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	Confidence Interval	Percent of population	Confidence Interval
	Ages 18 and older	32.1	29.7 - 34.6	34.4	34.0 - 34.7

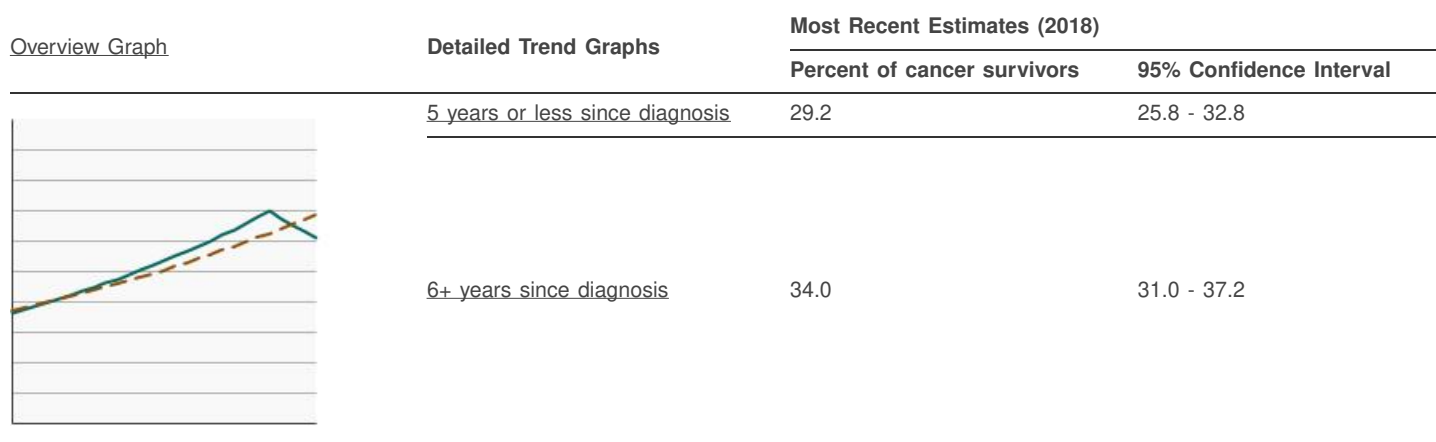
Obese By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were obese by sex, 1992-2018



By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were obese by time since cancer diagnosis, 1992-2018



Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were obese, 2014-2018

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivor		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	Confidence Interval	Percent of population	Confidence Interval
<input type="text"/>	Ages 18 and older	33.4	31.0 - 35.8	30.2	29.7 - 30.6

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available to assist cancer control planners, program staff, and researchers to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based survivorship programs. Visit [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.- survivorship](#) for data on cancer incidence, research syntheses, cancer control plans, research-tested interventions, interactive communities of practice, and other resources.

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For health professionals

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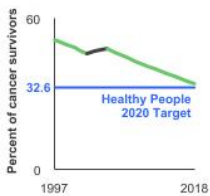
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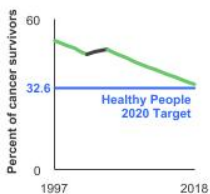
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In 2018, 34.0% of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.



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Introduction

As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals are becoming an important focus of attention. Adoption or maintenance of healthy lifestyles after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity and mortality. Tracking these behaviors permits evaluation of how well cancer control efforts are working to reduce unnecessary disability and death among those with a history of cancer.

To enhance the length and health-related quality of life of cancer survivors, efforts are needed to encourage adequate physical activity. Physical activity may improve treatment outcomes and reduce the risk of developing several types of cancer, including breast, colon, and endometrium (lining of the uterus). Being active may also help to prevent weight gain and obesity, reducing the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight. In addition to cancer risk, physical activity may also lower a person's risk of other health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and osteoporosis (bone thinning).

Measure

The percentage of cancer survivors reporting no physical activity are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked how often they perform light, moderate, or vigorous activity for at least 10 minutes.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for physical activity among cancer survivors, though it does include a national objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors. However, it is reasonable to set this at the goal determined for the general population, which is to reduce the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure time physical activity to 32.6 percent.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey, 1997–2018.

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No Leisure Time Physical Activity

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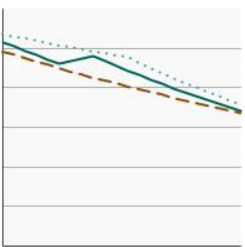
By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by sex, 1997-2018

Overview Graph

Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	34.0	31.7 - 36.4
	Male	32.6	29.0 - 36.4
	Female	34.9	32.0 - 37.9

By Age

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by age, 1997-2018

Overview Graph

Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	24.7	17.7 - 33.3
	Ages 45-64	26.5	22.8 - 30.6
	Ages 65 and older	40.0	37.1 - 42.9

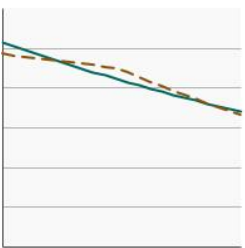
By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by time since cancer diagnosis, 1997-2018

Overview Graph

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	5 years or less since diagnosis	33.2	29.3 - 37.3
	6+ years since diagnosis	32.7	29.8 - 35.7

Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by age, 2014-2018

Overview graph

	Age Group	Cancer Survivor		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	Confidence Interval	Percent of population	Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	24.4	20.7 - 28.6	22.7	22.0 - 23.5
	Ages 45-64	30.0	28.2 - 31.8	29.2	28.4 - 30.0
	Ages 65 and older	41.1	39.6 - 42.6	39.6	38.7 - 40.6

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By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by sex, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	15.7	14.0 - 17.5
	Male	16.7	13.8 - 19.9
	Female	14.8	12.7 - 17.1

By Age

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by age, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	22.3	16.1 - 30.0
	Ages 45-64	18.1	14.9 - 21.9
	Ages 65 and older	13.2	11.4 - 15.3

By Time Since Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by time since cancer diagnosis, 1997-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	5 years or less since diagnosis	18.4	15.4 - 21.9
	6+ years since diagnosis	14.6	12.6 - 16.9

Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who meet current Federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity by age, 2014-2018

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivor		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	Confidence Interval	Percent of population	Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	22.3	18.7 - 26.4	27.8	27.3 - 28.4
	Ages 45-64	18.7	17.2 - 20.4	18.9	18.3 - 19.4
	Ages 65 and older	12.5	11.6 - 13.4	12.7	12.2 - 13.2

Evidence-based Resources

Resources are available to assist cancer control planners, program staff, and researchers to design, implement, and evaluate evidence-based survivorship programs. Visit [Cancer Control P.L.A.N.E.T.- survivorship](#) for data on cancer incidence, research syntheses, cancer control plans, research-tested interventions, interactive communities of practice, and other resources.

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The ultimate measure of our nation's success against cancer is how quickly and how far we can lower the death rate from this group of diseases. This report provides national data not only on cancer mortality by major sites, sex, and race/ethnicity, but also in terms of the years of life lost to cancer—a measure that emphasizes the tragedy of common cancers that strike people at a relatively young age.

The good news is that the rate of death from cancer in the United States continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancer. It is our job as a nation to maintain and accelerate this trend.

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Introduction

The rate of death from cancer in the United States continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancer, including [lung](#), [colorectal](#), [breast](#), and [prostate](#) cancers. The [Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer](#) shows that the death rate from all cancers combined is continuing the decline that began in the early 1990s.

Still, in 2018 cancers of the female breast, prostate, lung, colorectal, and pancreas accounted for over one-half (52 percent) of all cancer deaths in the United States. Lung cancer alone claimed nearly 24 percent of lives lost to cancer.

Measure

The number of cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year, age-adjusted to a U.S. 2000 standard population.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the overall cancer death rate to 161.4 cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year.

Top 4 Cancer Sites

- Reduce the colorectal cancer death rate to 14.5 deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the lung cancer death rate to 45.5 deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the female breast cancer death rate to 20.7 deaths per 100,000 females per year.
- Reduce the prostate cancer death rate to 21.8 deaths per 100,000 males per year.

Additional Cancer Sites with Healthy People 2020 Targets

- Reduce the death rate from cancer of the uterine cervix to 2.2 deaths per 100,000 females per year.
- Reduce the oropharyngeal cancer death rate to 2.3 deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the melanoma cancer death rate to 2.4 deaths per 100,000 people per year.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Note: Goals are indicated as blue line on Detailed Trend Graphs.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 1975–2018.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates
All Cancer Sites Combined
By Sex

U.S. death rates for all cancers by sex, 1975-2018

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	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	149.1	148.7 - 149.5
	Male	176.8	176.1 - 177.4
	Female	128.6	128.1 - 129.1

By Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for all cancers by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

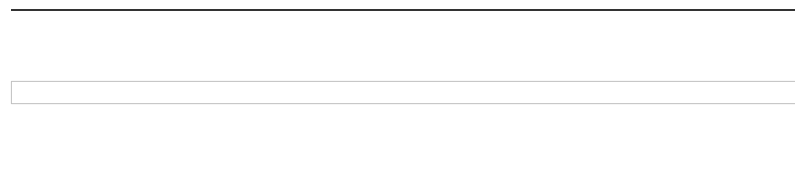
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	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	149.1	148.7 - 149.5
	White	150.4	149.9 - 150.8
	Black	168.7	167.4 - 170.0
	Hispanic	107.4	106.3 - 108.5
	Asian/Pacific Islander	92.5	91.2 - 93.9
	American Indian/Alaska Native	133.0	127.6 - 138.6

Top 4 Cancer Sites Comparison of Top Cancer Sites

U.S. death rates for the most common cancers, 1975-2018

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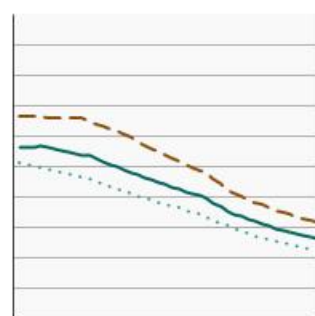


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Colon and Rectum	13.1	13.0 - 13.3
Lung and Bronchus	34.8	34.6 - 34.9
Female Breast	19.7	19.6 - 19.9
Prostate	18.8	18.6 - 19.0

Colon and Rectum Cancer by Sex

U.S. death rates for colon and rectum cancer by sex, 1975-2018

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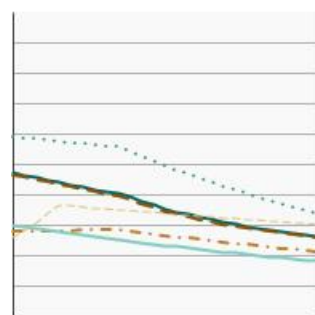


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	13.1	13.0 - 13.3
Male	15.8	15.6 - 16.0
Female	10.9	10.8 - 11.1

Colon and Rectum Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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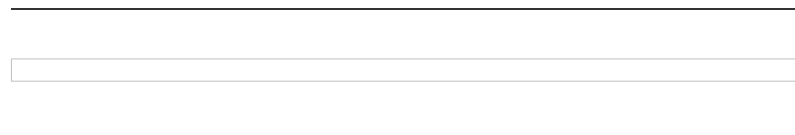


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	13.1	13.0 - 13.3
White	13.0	12.8 - 13.1
Black	16.8	16.4 - 17.2
Hispanic	10.8	10.4 - 11.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	8.8	8.4 - 9.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	13.9	12.2 - 15.8

Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Sex

U.S. death rates for lung and bronchus cancer by sex, 1975-2018

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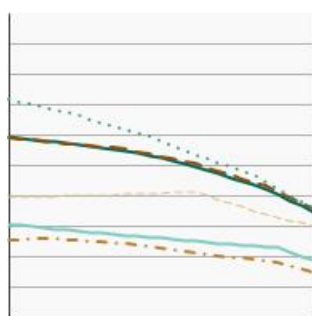


Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	34.8	34.6 - 34.9
Male	41.7	41.4 - 42.0
Female	29.3	29.1 - 29.5

Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for lung and bronchus cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	34.8	34.6 - 34.9
White	35.7	35.5 - 35.9
Black	35.8	35.2 - 36.4
Hispanic	15.1	14.7 - 15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	18.8	18.2 - 19.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	29.4	26.9 - 32.1

Female Breast Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	19.7	19.6 - 19.9
White	19.3	19.1 - 19.5
Black	26.7	26.1 - 27.4
Hispanic	13.4	12.9 - 13.9
Asian/Pacific Islander	12.1	11.5 - 12.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	14.1	11.8 - 16.6

Prostate Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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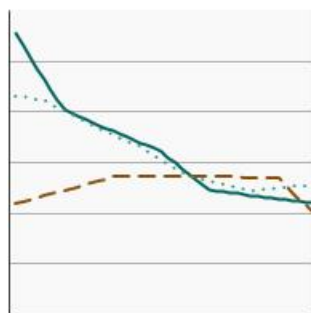
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	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	18.8	18.6 - 19.0
White	17.6	17.4 - 17.8
Black	36.3	35.3 - 37.3
Hispanic	15.1	14.4 - 15.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	9.2	8.5 - 9.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	16.6	13.5 - 20.2

Additional Cancer Sites with Healthy People 2020 Targets Comparison of Sites

U.S. death rates for additional cancer sites with Healthy People 2020 reduction goals, 1975-2018

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Cervix Uteri	2.2	2.1 - 2.2
Melanoma of the Skin	2.1	2.0 - 2.1
Oral Cavity and Pharynx	2.5	2.4 - 2.5

Cervix Uteri by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for cervix uteri cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	2.2	2.1 - 2.2
White	2.1	2.0 - 2.2
Black	3.2	2.9 - 3.4
Hispanic	2.4	2.2 - 2.6
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.5	1.3 - 1.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	2.2	1.4 - 3.3

Oral Cavity and Pharynx by Sex

U.S. death rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer by sex, 1975-2018

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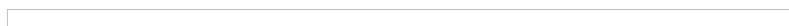
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	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	2.5	2.4 - 2.5
Male	3.9	3.8 - 4.0
Female	1.3	1.3 - 1.4

Oral Cavity and Pharynx by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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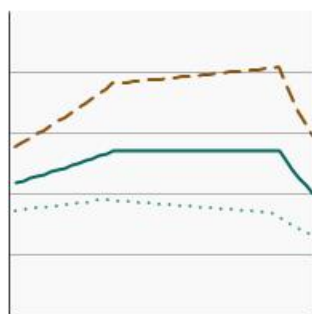
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	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	2.5	2.4 - 2.5
White	2.5	2.5 - 2.6
Black	2.5	2.4 - 2.7
Hispanic	1.4	1.2 - 1.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.9	1.7 - 2.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	1.7	1.2 - 2.4

Melanoma of the Skin by Sex

U.S. death rates for melanoma of the skin by sex, 1975-2018

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[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	2.1	2.0 - 2.1
Male	3.0	2.9 - 3.1
Female	1.4	1.3 - 1.4

[Both Sexes](#)

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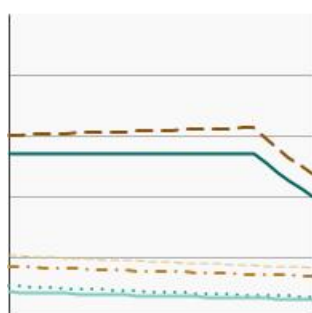
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1.3 - 1.4

Melanoma of the Skin by Race/Ethnicity

U.S. death rates for melanoma of the skin by race/ethnicity, 1992-2018

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Most Recent Estimates (2018)

	Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	2.1	2.0 - 2.1
White	2.4	2.4 - 2.5
Black	0.3	0.3 - 0.4
Hispanic	0.7	0.6 - 0.8
Asian/Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2 - 0.4
American Indian/Alaska Native	0.3	0.1 - 0.7

[All Races](#)

2.1

2.0 - 2.1

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2.4

2.4 - 2.5

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[American Indian/Alaska Native](#)

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0.1 - 0.7

Selected Cancer Sites with Increasing Trends

U.S. death rates for selected cancer sites that are increasing annually[^], 1975-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Brain and Other Nervous System	4.4	4.3 - 4.5
	Corpus Uteri and NOS	5.0	4.9 - 5.1
	Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	6.7	6.6 - 6.8
	Thyroid	0.5	0.5 - 0.5

Selected Cancer Sites with Decreasing Trends Decreasing Greater than 2% Annually

U.S. death rates for selected cancer sites that are decreasing by 2% per year or greater[^], 1975-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Hodgkin Lymphoma	0.3	0.3 - 0.3
	Larynx	0.9	0.9 - 0.9
	Leukemia	6.0	5.9 - 6.1
	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	5.1	5.0 - 5.2
	Ovary	6.3	6.2 - 6.4

Decreasing Less than 2% Annually

U.S. death rates for selected cancer sites that are decreasing by less than 2% per year[^], 1975-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Rate per 100,000	95% Confidence Interval
	Esophagus	3.8	3.7 - 3.8
	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	3.5	3.5 - 3.6
	Myeloma	3.1	3.0 - 3.1
	Stomach	2.8	2.8 - 2.9

Additional Information on Mortality

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- [Advanced Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [End-of-Life Care for People Who Have Cancer](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Hospice Care](#). National Cancer Institute.
- [Advance Directives](#). American Cancer Society.
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- [Nearing the End of Life](#). American Cancer Society.

For health professionals

- [Planning the Transition to End-of-Life Care in Advanced Care \(PDQ®\)-Health Professional Version](#). National Cancer Institute.
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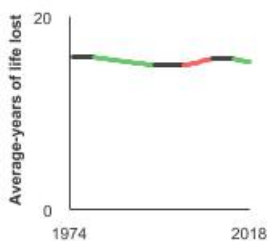
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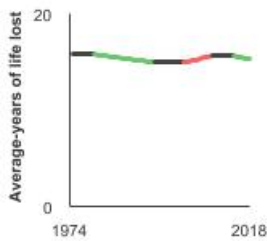
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In 2018, the average years of life lost due to cancer was 15.3.



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Death rates alone do not provide a complete picture of the burden that deaths impose on the population. Another useful measure that may add a different dimension is years of life lost (YLL)—the years of life lost because of early death from a particular cause or disease. YLL caused by cancer helps to describe the extent to which the lives of people with cancer are cut short.

Measure

Years of Life Lost is measured as the difference between the actual age stemming from the disease/cause and the expected age of death due to a particular disease or cause. Specifically, this measure is estimated by linking life table data to each death of a person of a given age and sex. The life table permits a determination of the number of additional years an average person of that age, race, and sex would have been expected to live.

Average Years of Life Lost represents Years of Life Lost divided by the number of people who lost their lives.

Healthy People 2020 Target

There is no Healthy People 2020 target for this measure.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 1975-2018.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Average Years of Life Lost

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By Sex

Average-years of life lost due to cancer by sex, 1975-2018

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2018)	
		Average-years of life lost	95% Confidence Interval
	Both Sexes	15.3	Not available
	Male	14.3	Not available
	Female	16.4	Not available

Cancer, All Races, Both Sexes

Average-years of life lost in 2018 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, both sexes

[Overview graph](#)

Cause of death	Years of life lost
Childhood Ages (0-14)	71.4
Testis	34.7
Cervix Uteri	26.1
Brain & ONS	21.5
Hodgkin Lymphoma	19.1
Breast (Female)	18.7
Ovary	17.6
Corpus & Uterus, NOS	17.4
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	16.9
Liver & IBD	16.7
Melanoma of the Skin	16.5
Stomach	16.4
Esophagus	15.9
Colon & Rectum	15.6
Leukemia	15.6
All Sites Combined	15.5
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	15.4
Pancreas	15.0
Lung & Bronchus	14.9
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	13.6
Myeloma	13.4
Urinary Bladder	11.0
Prostate	9.9

Person-years of Life Lost

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All Causes of Death, All Races, Both Sexes

Person-years of life lost in 2018 by cause of death, total U.S., all races, both sexes

[Overview graph](#)

Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Malignant Cancers	9,275
Heart Disease	7,592
Accidents	4,811
Chronic Lung Disease	1,870
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injury	1,539
Cerebrovascular	1,528
Diabetes Mellitus	1,218
Cirrhosis	919
Homicide	869
Alzheimers Disease	741
Pneumonia & Influenza	610
Nephritis & Nephrosis	602
Septicemia	587
HIV	174
Aortic Aneurysm & Dissection	140
Atherosclerosis	49

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Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
All Other Causes	8,986

All Causes of Death, All Races, Males

Person-years of life lost in 2018 by cause of death, total U.S., all races, males

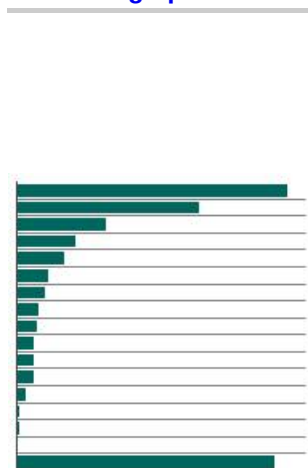
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Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Malignant Cancers	4,588
Heart Disease	4,436
Accidents	3,244
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injury	1,158
Chronic Lung Disease	856
Cerebrovascular	702
Homicide	691
Diabetes Mellitus	673
Cirrhosis	569
Pneumonia & Influenza	303
Nephritis & Nephrosis	302
Septicemia	282
Alzheimers Disease	229
HIV	123
Aortic Aneurysm & Dissection	89
Atherosclerosis	24
All Other Causes	4,514

All Causes of Death, All Races, Females

Person-years of life lost in 2018 by cause of death, total U.S., all races, females

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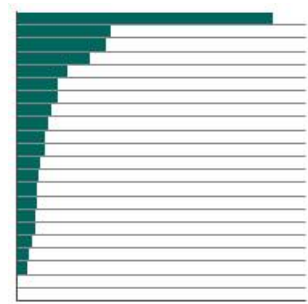
Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Malignant Cancers	4,687
Heart Disease	3,156
Accidents	1,566
Chronic Lung Disease	1,014
Cerebrovascular	826
Diabetes Mellitus	546
Alzheimers Disease	512
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injury	382
Cirrhosis	350
Pneumonia & Influenza	307
Septicemia	305
Nephritis & Nephrosis	300
Homicide	178
HIV	52
Aortic Aneurysm & Dissection	51
Atherosclerosis	25
All Other Causes	4,471

Cancer, All Races, Both Sexes

Person-years of life lost in 2018 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, both sexes

[Overview graph](#)

Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Lung & Bronchus	2,218
Colon & Rectum	816
Breast (Female)	775
Pancreas	640
Liver & IBD	445
Leukemia	362
Brain & ONS	361
Prostate	300
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	277
Ovary	251
Esophagus	247
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	213
Stomach	188
Corpus & Uterus, NOS	187
Urinary Bladder	184
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	171
Myeloma	164
Melanoma of the Skin	135
Cervix Uteri	109
Childhood Ages (0-14)	94
Hodgkin Lymphoma	19
Testis	15

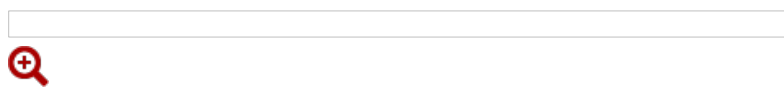


Cancer, All Races, Males

Person-years of life lost in 2018 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, males

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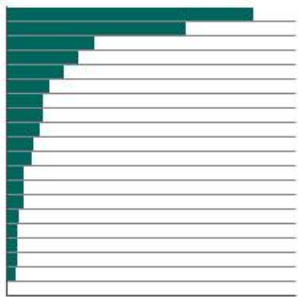
Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Lung & Bronchus	1,149
Colon & Rectum	431
Pancreas	326
Liver & IBD	302
Prostate	300
Leukemia	202
Brain & ONS	199
Esophagus	197
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	157
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	139
Urinary Bladder	129
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	122
Stomach	109
Myeloma	88
Melanoma of the Skin	85
Childhood Ages (0-14)	51
Testis	15
Hodgkin Lymphoma	11



Cancer, All Races, Females

Person-years of life lost in 2018 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, females

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	Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
	Lung & Bronchus	1,069
	Breast (Female)	775
	Colon & Rectum	385
	Pancreas	314
	Ovary	251
	Corpus & Uterus, NOS	187
	Brain & ONS	163
	Leukemia	161
	Liver & IBD	143
	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	119
	Cervix Uteri	109
	Stomach	79
	Myeloma	76
	Kidney & Renal Pelvis	74
	Urinary Bladder	55
	Melanoma of the Skin	50
	Oral Cavity & Pharynx	50
	Esophagus	50
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1. Is the trend moving in the desired direction?

- A graph shows the trend direction for the measure. The desired trend direction is shown above the graph.
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- green - headed in the right direction
- red - headed in the wrong direction
- black - stable or non-significant change (NSC)
- purple - indeterminate
- blue - Healthy People 2020 target

2. How does the nation's progress compare to the Healthy People 2020 target?

Not all measures have an associated Healthy People 2020 target. When there is a target for a specific measure, it is shown by a solid blue horizontal line labeled "Healthy People 2020 target".

The example graph demonstrates the Adult Smoking trend, which is heading in the right direction (green line) toward the Healthy People 2020 target (solid blue horizontal line).

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Measure Name	Tobacco Use Initiation	Youth Tobacco Use
Year Range	2002-2018	1999-2017
Measure	<p>The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigarette smoking during the past 12 months.</p> <p>The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigar smoking during the past 12 months.</p> <p>The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated smokeless tobacco use during the past 12 months.</p>	<p>The percentage of high school students (grades 9–12) who reported use of cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, or e-cigarettes on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.</p> <p>Note: To be consistent with the Healthy People 2020 Targets, measures for all products except e-cigarettes are based on data from YRBSS.</p>
Recent Summary Trend	Falling	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018	2013-2017
Desired Direction	Falling	Falling
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 2.3% of children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 initiated cigarette smoking in the past year.	Among high school students in 2017, 8.8% were current cigarette smokers, 5.5% were current users of smokeless tobacco, 8.0% were current cigar smokers (including little cigars). 14.0% were current users of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce the initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 4.3%.	Decrease the proportion of high school students who currently: smoke cigarettes to 16.0%; use smokeless tobacco to 6.9%; smoke cigars to 8.0%; use cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco to 21.0%.
More Information	Tobacco Use Initiation	Youth Tobacco Use
Last Updated	March 2020	March 2020

Measure Name: Youth Tobacco Use

Measure Name	Youth Tobacco Use
Year Range	1999-2017
Measure	<p>The percentage of high school students (grades 9–12) who reported use of cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, or e-cigarettes on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.</p> <p>Note: To be consistent with the Healthy People 2020 Targets, measures for all products except e-cigarettes are based on data from YRBSS.</p>

Measure Name	Youth Tobacco Use
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2017
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More Information	Youth Tobacco Use

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Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 2.3% of children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 initiated cigarette smoking in the past year.
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Measure Name: Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

Measure Name Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

Year Range 1992-2015

Measure The percentage of adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) who have seen a physician or dentist in the past 12 months and report that the physician or dentist advised them to quit smoking.

Recent Summary Trend Non-Significant Change

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2010-2015

Desired Direction Rising

Summary Graph 

Trends and Most Recent Estimates In 2014 to 2015, 70.0% of adult smokers who had seen a physician during the past 12 months reported being advised by that doctor to quit smoking.

Healthy People 2020 Target The Healthy People 2020 target for physicians' advice to quit smoking in office-based ambulatory care settings is 21.1 percent of visits. The target for ordered or provided tobacco counseling during hospital visits is 24.9 percent of visits.

More Information [Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking](#)

Measure Name: Quitting Smoking

Measure Name Quitting Smoking

Year Range 1998-2018

Measure **Attempt to quit:** The percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted smoking cessation within the past 12 months. The attempt-to-quit measure includes both current smokers who smoke every day or some days and who, at the time of the survey, had quit smoking for at least 1 day during the past 12 months, as well as recent former smokers, who quit smoking less than or equal to 1 year ago.

Recent Summary Trend Rising

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2014-2018

Desired Direction Rising

Summary Graph 

Trends and Most Recent Estimates In 2018, 54.1% of adult smokers attempted to quit smoking within the past year.

Healthy People 2020 Target Increase to 80.0% the proportion of adult everyday smokers ages 18 and older, who stopped smoking for a day or longer because they were trying to quit.






Measure Name **Quitting Smoking**

More Information [Quitting Smoking](#)


Diet - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name: Fat Consumption

Measure Name	Fat Consumption
Year Range	1989-2016
Measure	Intakes of total fat, and of the major fatty acids - saturated, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated - as a percentage of total calories.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2015 to 2016, total fat made up 35.2% of the calories people consumed, saturated fatty acids accounted for 11.7% of calories, monounsaturated, 12.3%, and polyunsaturated, 8.0%.
Healthy People 2020 Target	9.9% percent saturated fatty acids. (Healthy People 2020 includes targets for saturated fat and solid fat.)
More Information	Fat Consumption


Measure Name: Alcohol Consumption

Measure Name	Alcohol Consumption
Year Range	1990-2017
Measure	Per capita alcohol consumption: The estimated number of gallons of pure alcohol consumed per person (aged 14 years and older), per year. This measure accounts for the varying alcohol content of wine, beer, and liquor. People as young as 14 are included because a large number of adolescents begin drinking at an early age.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2017
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2017, per capita alcohol consumption was 2.3 gallons for all beverages, including beer, wine, and liquor.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce annual per capita alcohol consumption to 2.1 gallons.
More Information	Alcohol Consumption

Measure Name: Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption

Measure Name	Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption
Year Range	1994-2016
Measure	Average daily ounce equivalents of red meat and processed meat per 1000 calories for people aged 2 years and older.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2015 to 2016, people aged 2 years and older consumed, on average, 1.2 ounces of red meat per 1,000 calories.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People target for red meat consumption.
More Information	Red Meat and Processed Meat Consumption






Measure Name: Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

Measure Name	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption
Year Range	1994-2016
Measure	Average daily cup equivalents per 1,000 calories of fruits and vegetables for people aged 2 years and older. This measure includes fruits and vegetables from all sources.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2015 to 2016, people aged 2 years and older consumed, on average, 0.5 cup equivalents of fruits per 1,000 calories and 0.8 cup equivalents of vegetables per 1,000 calories (including 0.1 cup equivalents of dark green and orange vegetables and legumes per 1,000 calories).
Healthy People 2020 Target	0.9 cup equivalents of fruits per 1,000 calories. 1.2 cup equivalents of vegetables per 1,000 calories, with at least 0.55 cup equivalents of dark green or orange vegetables or legumes per 1,000 calories.
More Information	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption


Weight and Physical Activity - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name: Weight

Measure Name	Weight
Year Range	1971-2016
Measure	The percentage of adults aged 20 years and older who are at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese. These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI within the range of 18.5 to 24.9 to be healthy, a BMI between 25 and 29.9 to be overweight, and a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	During 2015 to 2016, 27.2% percent of adults aged 20 years and older were at a healthy weight, 31.8% percent were overweight, and 39.5% percent were obese.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 33.9% percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight and decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.
More Information	Weight

Measure Name: Physical Activity

Measure Name	Physical Activity
Year Range	1997-2018
Measure	Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported no leisure-time physical activity during the past month and percentage of adults who meet both the aerobic and muscle-strengthening guidelines.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 25.4% of adults 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.

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Measure Name	Sun-Protective Behavior	Indoor Tanning	Sunburn
Year Range	2005-2015	2009-2017	2000-2015
Measure	The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported that they usually or always practice at least one of three sun-protective behaviors - using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing (a long-sleeve shirt, and/or wide brimmed hat shading the face, ears, and neck, and/or long pants/long skirt), or seeking shade when going outside on a sunny day for more than an hour.	The percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who reported use of an indoor tanning device such as a sunlamp, sunbed, or tanning booth (not counting receipt of a spray-on tan) one or more times during the 12 months before the survey. The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who have used an indoor tanning device one or more times during the past 12 months. Although NHIS-CCS also collected this data for adults in 2005 and 2008, the methodology used likely resulted in overestimates, and these data are not included in the report.	The percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who reported having been sunburned in the past 12 months. The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported having been sunburned in the past 12 months.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable	Falling	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2010-2015	2013-2017	2010-2015
Desired Direction	Rising	Falling	Falling
Summary Graph			
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015, 70.8% of adults said they usually or always protect themselves from the sun by practicing at least one of three sun protection behaviors.	In 2017, 7.5% of female adolescents used an indoor tanning device within the past year.	In 2015, 35.3% of adults aged 18 years and older were sunburned in the past year.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 73.7% the proportion of adults who are very likely to use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher, wear protective clothing, or seek shade.	Reduce to 14.0% the proportion of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who report using artificial sources of ultraviolet light for tanning.	Reduce to 33.8% the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who report sunburn.
More Information	Sun-Protective Behavior	Indoor Tanning	Sunburn
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Measure Name	Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments
Year Range	1970-2017	1990-2010
Measure	<p>Combined cigarette annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the parent companies of the major manufacturers of cigarettes sold in the U.S., adjusted, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.</p> <p>Combined smokeless tobacco annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the parent companies of the major manufacturers of smokeless tobacco products in the U.S., adjusted, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.</p>	<p>The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for any evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment (pharmacotherapy or counseling), either to their entire Medicaid population or to only pregnant women.</p> <p>The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for individual or group tobacco cessation counseling. ¹</p> <p>The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for tobacco cessation medications. ¹</p>
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2017	2006-2010
Desired Direction	Falling	Rising
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2017, adjusted combined annual expenditures for cigarette advertising and promotion was \$8.6 billion.	In 2010, all 51 Medicaid programs provided coverage for at least one tobacco-dependence treatment for at least some segment of their Medicaid eligible population.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for tobacco company marketing expenditures.	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for Medicaid coverage of tobacco dependence treatments.
More Information	Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments
Last Updated	March 2020	March 2020

Measure Name: Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments

Measure Name	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments
Year Range	1990-2010
Measure	<p>The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for any evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment (pharmacotherapy or counseling), either to their entire Medicaid population or to only pregnant women.</p> <p>The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for individual or group tobacco cessation counseling. ¹</p> <p>The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for tobacco cessation medications. ¹</p>

Measure Name	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2006-2010
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010, all 51 Medicaid programs provided coverage for at least one tobacco-dependence treatment for at least some segment of their Medicaid eligible population.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for Medicaid coverage of tobacco dependence treatments.
More Information	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments

Measure Name: Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures

Measure Name	Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures
Year Range	1970-2017
Measure	<p>Combined cigarette annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the parent companies of the major manufacturers of cigarettes sold in the U.S., adjusted, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.</p> <p>Combined smokeless tobacco annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the parent companies of the major manufacturers of smokeless tobacco products in the U.S., adjusted, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.</p>
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2017
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2017, adjusted combined annual expenditures for cigarette advertising and promotion was \$8.6 billion.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for tobacco company marketing expenditures.
More Information	Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures

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Measure Name	HPV Vaccination
Year Range	2008-2018
Measure	The percentage of adolescents who received 1+ dose, 2+ doses or 3+ doses of a HPV vaccine.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 48.9% of females aged 13-15 years had received 2+ doses of the HPV vaccine as recommended at time of vaccine.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase the percentage of female adolescents aged 13 through 15 years who receive 2 or 3 doses of human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine as recommended at time of vaccine to 80.00%
More Information	HPV Vaccination
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Secondhand Smoke - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name	Secondhand Smoke Exposure	Smokefree Home Rules	Smokefree Workplace Rules and Laws
Year Range	1988-2016	1992-2015	1992-2015
Measure	The percentage of nonsmokers exposed to secondhand smoke. (The percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older with a serum cotinine level greater than 0.05 ng/mL and less than or equal to 10 ng/mL.)	The percentage of respondents reporting a smokefree home.	The percentage of indoor workers reporting a smokefree workplace. The percentage of the population protected by local laws covering workplaces, restaurants, and bars. This information was collected and analyzed by the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights. This information allows the National Cancer Institute and state laws in its assessments.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling	Rising	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016	2010-2015	2010-2015
Desired Direction	Falling	Rising	Rising
Summary Graph			
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2015 to 2016, the estimate of children aged 3 to 11 years currently exposed to SHS is 38.2% (children ages 12-17 - 32.7%, nonsmokers ages 18 and older - 22.3%).	In 2014 to 2015, of adults aged 18 years and older reported a smokefree home environment.	In 2014 to 2015, of adults aged 18 years and older reported a smokefree workplace environment.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce the proportion of children aged 3-11 years who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke 47.0%. Reduce exposure for children aged 12-17 years to 41.0%. Reduce exposure for nonsmokers aged 18 years and older to 33.8%.	Increase the proportion of smokefree homes to 87.0%.	Increase the proportion of persons covered by indoor workplace smokefree laws to 100%.
More Information	Secondhand Smoke Exposure	Smokefree Home Rules	Smokefree Workplace Rules and Laws
Last Updated	March 2020	March 2020	March 2020


Chemical Exposures - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name: Radon

Measure Name	Radon
Year Range	2003-2013
Measure	The proportion of homes with an operating radon mitigation system for persons living in homes at risk for radon exposure. This measure is expressed as a percentage. It is calculated for each year by dividing the cumulative number of single family dwellings (SFD) with an operating mitigation system by the number of SFDs estimated to have a radon level $\geq 4\text{pCi/L}$, which is EPA's action level.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2009-2013
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2013, 15.0% homes at risk for radon exposure had an operating radon mitigation system.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase the percent of at-risk homes with an operating radon mitigation system to 30.0%.
More Information	Radon

Measure Name: Arsenic

Measure Name	Arsenic
Year Range	2003-2016
Measure	We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation]
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016

Measure Name	Arsenic
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	<input type="text"/>
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015 to 2016, the 95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentration of arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older was 45.8 µg/g of creatinine.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce exposure to arsenic in the population, as measured by blood and urine concentrations of the substance or its metabolites, to 35.28 µg/g of creatinine.
More Information	Arsenic

Measure Name: Cadmium

Measure Name	Cadmium
Year Range	1999-2016
Measure	We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation]
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	<input type="text"/>
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015 to 2016, the 95th percentile for blood concentration of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older was 1.2 µg/L.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce exposure to cadmium in the population, as measured by blood and urine concentrations of the substance or its metabolites, to 1.12 µg/L.
More Information	Cadmium

Measure Name: Nitrate

Measure Name	Nitrate
Year Range	2001-2014
Measure	We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation]
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change

Measure Name	Nitrate
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2009-2014
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	<input type="text"/>
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2013 to 2014, the 95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentration of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older was 123.3 mg/g of creatinine.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for nitrate exposure.
More Information	Nitrate
Measure Name: Benzene	
Measure Name	Benzene
Year Range	2001-2016
Measure	We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2011-2016
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	<input type="text"/>
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015 to 2016, the 95th percentile for blood concentration of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older was 0.3 ng/mL.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for benzene exposure.
More Information	Benzene

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Measure Name	Breast Cancer Screening	Cervical Cancer Screening	Colorectal Cancer Screening
Year Range	1987-2018	1987-2018	2000-2018

Measure The percentage of women aged 50 to 74 years who reported having had a mammogram within the past 2 years, by race/ethnicity, income, and education level.

The percentage of women aged 21 to 65 years who were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening. For 2013 and before, up-to-date was defined as having a Pap test within the past 3 years. For 2014-2018, up-to date is defined as having a Pap test within the past 3 years with or without an HPV test in the past 5 years (for women aged 30 to 65 years).

Colorectal cancer tests: The percentage of adults aged 50-75 years who were up-to-date with colorectal cancer 2016, up-to-date was defined as having FOBT or sigmoidoscopy every 5 years in combination with years, or a colonoscopy every 10 years. Beginning date is defined as FOBT or FIT every year, fecal every 3 years, CT colonography every 5 years, f alone every 5 years or every 10 years in combin or colonoscopy every 10 years.

Recent Summary Trend	Stable	Falling	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2018	2013-2018	2013-2018
Desired Direction	Rising	Rising	Rising

Summary Graph

Trends and Most Recent Estimates
 In 2018, 72.8% of women aged 50-74 years had a mammogram within the past 2 years.
 In 2018, 81.1% of women aged 21-65 were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening
 In 2018, 66.8% of adults aged 50-75 had received the last year or had a sigmoidoscopy in the past colonoscopy in the past 10 years.

Healthy People 2020 Target
 Increase the proportion of women who receive a breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 81.1%
 Increase the proportion of women who receive a cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 93.0%
 Increase the proportion of adults who receive a colorectal cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 70.0%

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Measure Name: Lung Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Lung Cancer Screening
Year Range	2010-2015

Measure The percentage of men and women who reported having a chest CT to check for lung cancer in the 12 months prior to interview. Percentages are shown by race/ethnicity, income, and education level, and are restricted to respondents aged 55 to 80 years old who smoked at least 30 pack-years, and if former smokers, who quit within the past 15 years.

Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2010-2015
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

Trends and Most Recent Estimates
 In 2015, 5.9% of adults aged 55-80 years who are at risk for lung cancer due to smoking had a CT scan to check for lung cancer within the past year.

Healthy People 2020 Target
 There is no Healthy People 2020 target for lung cancer screening.

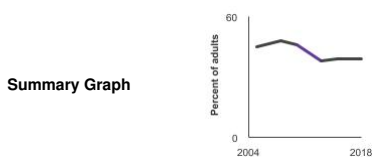
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Measure Name: Prostate Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Prostate Cancer Screening
Year Range	2005-2018

Measure The percentage of men aged 55-69 years who reported having had a prostate-specific antigen (PSA) test within the past year, by race/ethnicity, income, education level and age. This provides information about the use of PSA testing in the population.

Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2018
Desired Direction	Rising



Trends and Most Recent Estimates
 In 2018, 39.0% of men aged 55-69 years had a PSA test within the past year.

Healthy People 2020 Target
 There is no Healthy People 2020 target for receiving prostate cancer screening.

More Information [Prostate Cancer Screening](#)

Measure Name: Breast Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Breast Cancer Screening
Year Range	1987-2018

Measure Name	Breast Cancer Screening
Measure	The percentage of women aged 50 to 74 years who reported having had a mammogram within the past 2 years, by race/ethnicity, income, and education level.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2018
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 72.8% of women aged 50-74 years had a mammogram within the past 2 years.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase the proportion of women who receive a breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 81.1%
More Information	Breast Cancer Screening

Measure Name: Colorectal Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Colorectal Cancer Screening
Year Range	2000-2018
Measure	Colorectal cancer tests: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who were up-to-date with colorectal cancer screening. Before 2016, up-to-date was defined as having FOBT every year, a sigmoidoscopy every 5 years in combination with FOBT every 3 years, or a colonoscopy every 10 years. Beginning in 2016, up-to-date is defined as FOBT or FIT every year, fecal DNA testing at least every 3 years, CT colonography every 5 years, flexible sigmoidoscopy alone every 5 years or every 10 years in combination with yearly FIT, or colonoscopy every 10 years.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2018
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 66.8% of adults aged 50-75 had received a home FOBT in the last year or had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase the proportion of adults who receive a colorectal cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 70.5%
More Information	Colorectal Cancer Screening

Measure Name: Cervical Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Cervical Cancer Screening
Year Range	1987-2018
Measure	The percentage of women aged 21 to 65 years who were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening. For 2013 and before, up-to-date was defined as having a Pap test within the past 3 years. For 2014-2018, up-to date is defined as having a Pap test within the past 3 years with or without an HPV test in the past 5 years (for women aged 30 to 65 years).
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2018
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 81.1% of women aged 21-65 were up-to-date with cervical cancer screening
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase the proportion of women who receive a cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 93.0%
More Information	Cervical Cancer Screening

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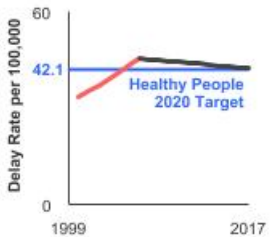
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Measure Name	Incidence	Stage at Diagnosis
Year Range	1975-2017	2000-2017

Measure Name	Incidence	Stage at Diagnosis
Measure	<p>Incidence rate: the observed number of new cancer cases per 100,000 people per year, adjusted for age and cancer case reporting delays and based on data from approximately 10 percent of the U.S. population.</p> <p>Delay adjustment: a method of estimating delayed reporting of incident cases and then adjusting rates to account for this delay.</p>	<p>Late-stage diagnosis rate: The number of new cancer cases diagnosed at a distant stage per 100,000 people per year for cancers of the prostate, lung and bronchus, colon, rectum, and cervix uteri. Late stage is defined as regional and distant stage diagnoses, per 100,000 women per year for cancer of the female breast.</p> <p>Stage Distribution: The proportion of new cancer cases among all cases diagnosed in a specific year. The full distribution of all stages (local, regional, distant and unstaged/unknown) is shown.</p>
Recent Summary Trend	Falling	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2017	2013-2017
Desired Direction	Falling	Falling
Summary Graph		
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2017, the rate of new cases of all cancers combined was 50.6 per 100,000 people per year.	In 2017, the rate of new regional and distant stage breast cancer cases was 42.3 per 100,000 females.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for cancer incidence.	Reduce new regional and distant stage female breast cancer cases to 42.1 per 100,000 females.
More Information	Incidence	Stage at Diagnosis
Last Updated	November 2020	November 2020

Measure Name: Incidence

Measure Name	Incidence
Year Range	1975-2017
Measure	<p>Incidence rate: the observed number of new cancer cases per 100,000 people per year, adjusted for age and cancer case reporting delays and based on data from approximately 10 percent of the U.S. population.</p> <p>Delay adjustment: a method of estimating delayed reporting of incident cases and then adjusting rates to account for this delay.</p>
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2013-2017

Measure Name Incidence

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph

Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2017, the rate of new cases of all cancers combined was 50.6 per 100,000 people per year.

Healthy People 2020 Target There is no Healthy People 2020 target for cancer incidence.

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Measure Name: Stage at Diagnosis

Measure Name Stage at Diagnosis

Year Range 2000-2017

Measure

Late-stage diagnosis rate: The number of new cancer cases diagnosed at a distant stage per 100,000 people per year for cancers of the prostate, lung and bronchus, colon, rectum, and cervix uteri. Late stage is defined as regional and distant stage diagnoses, per 100,000 women per year for cancer of the female breast.

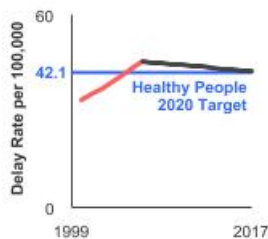
Stage Distribution: The proportion of new cancer cases among all cases diagnosed in a specific year. The full distribution of all stages (local, regional, distant and unstaged/unknown) is shown.

Recent Summary Trend Non-Significant Change

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2013-2017

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph



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Most Recent Estimates In 2017, the rate of new regional and distant stage breast cancer cases was 42.3 per 100,000 females.

Healthy People 2020 Target Reduce new regional and distant stage female breast cancer cases to 42.1 per 100,000 females.

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Measure Name	Bladder Cancer Treatment	Breast Cancer Treatment	Colorectal Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1995-2009	1987-2015	1987-2015
Measure	Percentage of individuals receiving intravesical therapy in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.	Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer (local or regional stage), receiving breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment. Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with node-positive, stage I-IIIa breast cancer, receiving multi-agent chemotherapy.	Percent of individuals, aged 20 years and older, diagnosed with stage III colon cancer who received chemotherapy or diagnosed with stage II or stage III rectal cancer who received chemotherapy with or without radiation therapy.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change Stable		Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2003-2009	2010-2015	2010-2015
Desired Direction	Rising	Rising	Rising
Summary Graph			
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2009, 29.7% of patients with non-muscle invasive disease received intravesical therapy.	In 2015, 64.2% of women diagnosed with node positive breast cancer, received multi-agent chemotherapy.	In 2015, 70.3% of stage III colon and stage II and III rectal patients received adjuvant chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including bladder cancer treatment.	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including breast cancer treatment.	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including colorectal cancer treatment.
More Information	Bladder Cancer Treatment	Breast Cancer Treatment	Colorectal Cancer Treatment
Last Updated	March 2020	March 2020	March 2020

Measure Name: Colorectal Cancer Treatment

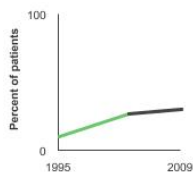
Measure Name	Colorectal Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1987-2015
Measure	Percent of individuals, aged 20 years and older, diagnosed with stage III colon cancer who received chemotherapy or diagnosed with stage II or stage III rectal cancer who received chemotherapy with or without radiation therapy.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2010-2015
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015, 70.3% of stage III colon and stage II and III rectal patients received adjuvant chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including colorectal cancer treatment.
More Information	Colorectal Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Bladder Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Bladder Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1995-2009
Measure	Percentage of individuals receiving intravesical therapy in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2003-2009
Desired Direction	Rising

Measure Name **Bladder Cancer Treatment**

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates In 2009, 29.7% of patients with non-muscle invasive disease received intravesical therapy.

Healthy People 2020 Target There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including bladder cancer treatment.

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Measure Name: Breast Cancer Treatment

Measure Name **Breast Cancer Treatment**

Year Range 1987-2015

Measure

Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer (local or regional stage), receiving breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment.

Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with node-positive, stage I-IIIa breast cancer, receiving multi-agent chemotherapy.

Recent Summary Trend Stable

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2010-2015

Desired Direction Rising

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

In 2015, 64.2% of women diagnosed with node positive breast cancer, received multi-agent chemotherapy.

Healthy People 2020 Target There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including breast cancer treatment.

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Measure Name: Prostate Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Prostate Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1998-2008
Measure	Hormonal therapy following the diagnosis of prostate cancer.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2002-2008
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2008, 21.1% of localized/regional prostate cancer patients aged 40 years and older were given hormonal therapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including prostate cancer treatment.
More Information	Prostate Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Ovarian Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Ovarian Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1991-2011
Measure	Percentage of individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer who received chemotherapy by stage of diagnosis.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2002-2011
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2011, 79.9% of stage III or IV ovarian cancer patients received chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including ovarian cancer treatment.
More Information	Ovarian Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Lung Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Lung Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1996-2015
Measure	Chemotherapy following the diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer stages IIIB or IV.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2010-2015
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015, 52.2% of stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer patients aged 20 years and older received chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including lung cancer treatment.
More Information	Lung Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Kidney Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Kidney Cancer Treatment
Year Range	2000-2016
Measure	Partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy in patients with localized/regional kidney cancer.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2012-2016
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2016, 34.4% of patients diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer received a partial nephrectomy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including kidney cancer treatment.
More Information	Kidney Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Kidney Cancer Treatment	Lung Cancer Treatment	Ovarian Cancer Treatment
Year Range	2000-2016	1996-2015	1991-2011
Measure	Partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy in patients with localized/regional kidney cancer.	Chemotherapy following the diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer stages IIIB or IV.	Percentage of individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer who received chemotherapy by stage of diagnosis.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable	Stable	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2012-2016	2010-2015	2002-2011
Desired Direction	Rising	Rising	Rising
Summary Graph			
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2016, 34.4% of patients diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer received a partial nephrectomy.	In 2015, 52.2% of stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer patients aged 20 years and older received chemotherapy.	In 2011, 79.9% of stage III or IV ovarian cancer patients received chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including kidney cancer treatment.	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including lung cancer treatment.	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including ovarian cancer treatment.
More Information	Kidney Cancer Treatment	Lung Cancer Treatment	Ovarian Cancer Treatment
Last Updated	March 2020	March 2020	March 2020

¹ With new treatments replacing standard treatments, it is often difficult to determine if a falling trend in an existing treatment is desirable, and the determination may depend on patient age, general health status, extent of disease, and other associated therapies the patient may be receiving. The desired direction is therefore labeled as indeterminate.

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Measure Name	Financial Burden of Cancer Care
Year Range	2015
Measure	Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care.
Recent Summary Trend	n/a
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	No trend data are available for the financial burden of cancer care.
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	No trend data are available for financial burden of cancer care
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015, national cancer care expenditures were an estimated \$147.5 billion.

Measure Name

Financial Burden of Cancer Care

Healthy People 2020 Target

There is no Healthy People 2020 target for the financial burden of cancer care.

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Measure Name: Survival


Measure Name	Survival
Year Range	1975-2012
Measure	Five-year relative cancer survival: The proportion of patients surviving cancer 5 years after diagnosis calculated in the absence of other causes of death. This percentage is the proportion of observed cancer survivors in a cohort of cancer patients relative to the proportion of expected survivors.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012
Desired Direction	Rising
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	For patients diagnosed with cancer in 2012, the 5-year relative survival rate was 69.0%.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 71.7% the proportion of cancer survivors who are living five years or longer after diagnosis.
More Information	Survival

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Weight


Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Weight
Year Range	1992-2018
Measure	Rates of obesity among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history, who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Weight
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 31.5% percent of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older were obese.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.
More Information	Cancer Survivors and Weight

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Smoking
Year Range	1992-2018
Measure	Rates of smoking among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they were a current smoker.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 11.8% of cancer survivors aged 18 and older were current cigarette smokers.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce to 12.0% the proportion of adult current cigarette smokers.
More Information	Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity
Year Range	1997-2018
Measure	The percentage of cancer survivors reporting no physical activity are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked how often they perform light, moderate, or vigorous activity for at least 10 minutes.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, 34.0% of cancer survivors 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.

Measure Name **Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity**

Healthy

People 2020 Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.

Target






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Measure Name: Years of Life Lost

Measure Name	Years of Life Lost
Year Range	1975-2018
Measure	The difference between the actual age stemming from the disease/cause and the expected age of death.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, the average years of life lost due to cancer was 15.3.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for average-years of life lost due to cancer.
More Information	Years of Life Lost

Measure Name: Mortality

Measure Name	Mortality
Year Range	1975-2018
Measure	The number of cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year, age-adjusted to a U.S. 2000 standard population.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2014-2018
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2018, the death rate for all cancers combined was 149.1 per 100,000 people per year.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce the overall cancer death rate to 161.4 cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year.
More Information	Mortality